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LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION
(Name and address of Contributor)

JUNE 28, 1938
(Date)

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

FBI Number 152 3906
Name, Aliases and Number GRACE GOLDSTEIN, alias Mrs. Alvin Karpis, alias Jewell
Leverne Grayson, U. S. MARSHAL, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, # 3090.

Fingerprint Classification _____
(To be given if FBI number not known)

Date of Arrest, or Received JUNE 4, 1938

Charge HARBORING FUGITIVES and WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Date of Disposition JUNE 13, 1938

Disposition RELEASED ON BOND

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Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION
(Name and address of Contributor)

JUNE 28, 1938
(Date)

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

FBI Number 1523551

Name, Aliases and Number RUTH HAMM ROBSON, U.S. MARSHAL, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. # 3101

Fingerprint Classification
(To be given if FBI number not known)

Date of Arrest, or Received JUNE 23, 1938

Charge CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES

Date of Disposition JUNE 23, 1938

Disposition ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY FEDERAL PENITENTIARY.

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Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER, JR.

Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-23 & 25-38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. CAIHOUN IN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - - HARBORING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>RUTH HAMM ROBSION, alias CONNIE MORRIS, entered plea of guilty June 23, 1938, Little Rock, Arkansas, charging conspiracy to harbor; sentenced same date to one year, one day Federal Penitentiary. Parole report and disposition sheet submitted. Signed statement secured from ROBSION after conviction, the same corroborating White Slave Traffic Act case against GRACE GOLDSTEIN, whose niece was victim, and indicating new White Slave case against GOLDSTEIN with ROBSION as victim. GRACE GOLDSTEIN released on bond June 13, 1938, Hot Springs, Arkansas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, Saint Louis, Missouri, dated June 8, 1938. Reports of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 7, 1938, and May 24, 1938. Letter from Richmond Office to Little Rock Office dated June 18, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On June 23, 1938, Assistant United States Attorney LEON B. CATIETT, Little Rock, Arkansas, telephoned the writer and advised that Mr. HANS WULFF, an attorney from Saint Louis, Missouri, representing RUTH HAMM ROBSION, alias CONNIE MORRIS, had brought her to his office and that it was</p>			
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desired that an Agent be present when conferring with them. Reporting Agent therefore interviewed Mr. CATIETT who advised that CONNIE MORRIS, through her attorney, desired to enter a plea of guilty, and that the Court was in session at that time.

Mr. WULFF entered a formal plea of guilty on June 23, 1938, at which time he advised Federal Judge TRIMBIE at Little Rock, Arkansas, that his client had indicated that she would testify for the Government against any and all subject to the best of her knowledge. He sought leniency for his client, and Judge TRIMBIE on that date sentenced her to serve one year and one day in a Federal Penitentiary. A parole report and disposition sheet are being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

RUTH HAMM ROBSION, alias CONNIE MORRIS, was interviewed in the presence of Deputy United States Marshal GLADYS MALLETT in the office of the United States Marshal, Little Rock, Arkansas, immediately after her sentence. This young woman stated that she had entered a plea of guilty at this time for two reasons, one for the purpose of securing medical treatment at the earliest possible time for her condition, and the other for the reason that she did not desire to have other persons who are codefendants in this case contacting her. She advised that to date she had had no one who had tried to confer with her in behalf of any defendant, and later at the County Jail at her request Deputy United States Marshal GLADYS MALLETT issued instructions to the Jailer that no person was to be allowed to confer with this prisoner, and that if any person should attempt to do so the Marshal's Office should be advised immediately.

The following signed statement was secured from RUTH HAMM ROBSION:

"Little Rock, Arkansas,
June 23, 1938

"My name is RUTH HAMM ROBSION, and I am generally known as "CONNIE MORRIS. I have been told that I do not have to make any written or oral statement, and I know that whatever I may say or write might be used against me. I have not been threatened in any manner to compel me to make any statement, and I have not been promised any leniency to get me to make a statement. This statement is being given freely and voluntarily to J. R. CALHOUN, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

"I was born at Davidson, Okla. on November 25, 1916, and my parents are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN and GERTRUDE HAMM, and they live at Davidson, Okla. I have four brothers, HOWARD, LEONARD, FRANK, RAYMOND HAMM, all living in Davidson, Okla. I have four sisters, THEIMA, MUSE, DAVIDSON, Okla.; Mrs. CLAUDE MARSHALL, Fredrick, Okla.; DOROTHY KIRKPATRICK, San Antonio, Texas; BERTHA GOSSITT, Davidson, Okla.; I reached the 8th grade in school.

"I was married at Duncan, Okla. to MELVIN ROBSION on October 23, 1932. I was separated from him about a year later, but I have never taken any action to get a divorce. I came to Hot Springs, Arkansas about February 1935 to look for work, but could not secure any. Some man at the 505 Garage in Hot Springs picked me up on the highway and told me that I might get work at GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place at 1338 Central Avenue in Hot Springs. He had no further part in helping me get work with her. I talked with GRACE GOLDSTEIN and made arrangements to work in her house of prostitution at 1338 Central Avenue. I arranged to pay her \$14.00 a week for room and board and to pay her \$2.00 out of each \$5.00 that I might earn as a prostitute. I remained at GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S various houses of prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas from February 1935 until some time in March 1936.

"I have identified a photograph of HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS as that of a police officer whom I first met at GRACE'S place at 1338 Central Avenue, Hot Springs. He sold me a diamond ring, and GRACE GOLDSTEIN arranged to pay him cash for the ring and I was to pay her back and I did so. That is the only time I recall ever seeing DUTCH AKERS at any place operated by GRACE GOLDSTEIN. I have seen him on the streets of Hot Springs a number of times, but I do not recall ever seeing him when I was with FRED HUNTER or ALVIN KARPIS.

"I have identified a photograph of Chief of Police, JOE WAKELIN, of Hot Springs, Arkansas as that of a man who drove GRACE GOLDSTEIN and me in his car from the city of Hot Springs to Dyer's Landing, where the mother of GRACE GOLDSTEIN was visiting. GRACE introduced Mr. WAKELIN to me at the time as the Chief of Police. I do not recall ever having seen JOE WAKELIN at any place operated by GRACE GOLDSTEIN, and I do not recall seeing him at any time when I was with HUNTER or KARPIS.

"I recall that Mrs. AL DYER owned a place on Lake Hamilton which was rented by ALVIN KARPIS and FRED HUNTER in the Summer and Fall of 1935. I have been shown a photograph of Mrs. DYER, but I cannot identify it positively. I think I can identify this woman by sight, however. The photograph does resemble her somewhat. I recall that MORRIS LOFTIS was caretaker at Mrs. DYER'S place on the lake. I have been shown a photograph of Mr. LOFTIS, but I am not sure of an identification. I think I would know him by sight.

"I have been shown a photograph of JOHN STOVER, but I cannot identify it. I recall that a man named JOHN STOVER flew the plane which took FRED HUNTER and me from Hot Springs, Arkansas to San Antonio, Texas in November 1935. It was in the daytime when we left and when we arrived. I did not hear the arrangements made for the rental of the plane.

"I have been shown a photograph of CECIL BROCK, but I do not recall ever having seen him. I was never at the Hot Springs Police Station but once or twice and I do not recall seeing him.

"I have identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER, No. 51873 as a man I knew as HAROLD KING. Later, when I was with him in Orlando, Fla. I learned that he went by the name of FRED HUNTER. I have identified a front and side view of ALVIN KARPIS whom I met at GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place at 123 Palm St. in Hot Springs, Ark. under the name of ED KING. I met FRED HUNTER at the same time and he and KARPIS claimed to be brothers. They drove a coupe, and I believe it was a black Ford. This car was parked in front of GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place on 123 Palm and later in front of the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs a lot of times, both day and night. It had an out-of-state license, but I do not know from what state.

"KARPIS and HUNTER came to GRACE'S quite often, and I associated with HUNTER, while GRACE associated with KARPIS. These men never did tell me that they were wanted for any crime, and they never told me that they knew any of the Hot Springs police or other officers. These men rented a place from Mrs. DYER on Lake Hamilton, and GRACE and I visited them often there. At no time did I ever see DUTCH AKERS, JOE WAKELIN or CECIL BROCK around this place while KARPIS and HUNTER were there, and I never knew these officers to make any inquiry about them.

"HUNTER and I visited in Orlando, Fla. after we had gone to San Antonio in the airplane and after I had visited my folks in Okla. This was in November and December 1935. We returned to Hot Springs just before Christmas, 1935. After we returned to Hot Springs we stayed at different times in a two-story house on Lake Hamilton on the road to Malvern, Arkansas in a place called the "Fairchild" place. GRACE and KARPIS also stayed there from time to time. One night in early 1936 a taxi driver named BROCK came to the Hatterie Hotel and he was very drunk. He asked me if I wanted to make a lot of money and when I told him I did, he told me that KARPIS and HUNTER had a big reward on them. I thought he was just talking foolishly as he had been therebefore, but I told GRACE GOLDSTEIN about it. She told me to meet her in the rear of the Marquette Hotel in Hot Springs, and she met me there and drove me out to this place on the Lake. She told KARPIS and HUNTER about it, they told me that I was going on a trip. They did not give me time to get any more clothes, but HUNTER and I rode in a small coupe while KARPIS drove a Buick. The three of us went to Corpus Christi, Texas, and then to a place between Biloxi, Miss. and Gulfport, Miss., later we went to New Orleans, La. where HUNTER and KARPIS were captured.

"I recall that GRACE GOLDSTEIN had a niece named MARGARET who worked as a prostitute in GRACE'S house at the Hatterie Hotel. GRACE told me that she had paid for her to learn the beauty culture trade but that MARGARET would not work at it and they she preposed that MARGARET work as a girl in the house. I have been present when customers would select MARGARET as their partner, in the presence of GRACE, and MARGARET would leave the parlor for one of the rooms.

"I have read this typewritten statement of three pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ RUTH HAMM ROBSION"
Ruth Hamm Robsion

Witnesses:
GLADYS MALIETT, Dep. U. S. Marshal

J. R. CALHOUN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S Dept. of Justice, Little Rock, Ark.

"I desire to add that after I was released in New Orleans, La. in May 1936, I went to San Antonio, Texas. In the summer of 1936 GRACE GOLDSTEIN came to San Antonio and asked me to come back to her place to work. I returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas a week after seeing GRACE in San Antonio traveling alone by train. I practiced prostitution again at GRACE'S place in Hot Springs, Ark. for several months until I moved to St. Louis, Mo.

/s/ RUTH HAMM ROBSION
Ruth Hamm Robsion

Witnesses:

GLADYS MARIETT, Dep. U. S. Marshal

J. R. CAEHOUN, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S Dept. of Justice, Little Rock, Ark.

The interview with RUTH HAMM ROBSION was quite lengthy and Agent exhibited photographs of various persons for the purpose of having it shown definitely that she knew the identity of various persons involved in the case. RUTH HAMM ROBSION talked freely and asserted that this was all of the information in her possession; that she would gladly tell any information against any persons involved in this case.

Attention is called to the fact that the signed statement of RUTH HAMM ROBSION corroborates the allegation of MARGARET THOMPSON, niece of JEWELL LEVERNE GRAYSON, alias GRACE GOLDSTEIN, in Little Rock File # 31-501, in which GRACE GOLDSTEIN is the subject and MARGARET THOMPSON is the victim. It is further noted that the signed statement of RUTH HAMM ROBSION indicates that GRACE GOLDSTEIN is probably guilty of a new White Slave Traffic Act violation, in that after CONNIE MORRIS was released from Federal custody in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Spring of 1936, and had gone to San Antonio, Texas, GRACE GOLDSTEIN visited her there and had her to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to practice prostitution in GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S resort. A copy of this report is therefore being placed in the White Slave case against GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

The Bureau was advised by letter dated June 14, 1938, by Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER of the Little Rock Field Division that GRACE GOLDSTEIN was released on bonds totaling \$15,000.00, after previous efforts of this woman to be released upon bond had been refused. (See report

of Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 10, 1938, in case of D. BEN MURRY, with alias; ET AL; BONDSMEN AND SURETIES.)

Agent checked the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court and of the United States Marshal at Little Rock, Arkansas, and learned that on June 13, 1938, JEWELL LeVERNE GRAYSON, alias GRACE GOLDSTEIN, was released upon bonds of \$15,000.00 involving the harboring charge and the White Slave Traffic Act charge against her. These bonds were signed by H. A. WHEATLEY and E. O. WHEATLEY of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who listed assets of \$179,000.00. A disposition sheet is being furnished the Bureau to show the release of GRACE GOLDSTEIN on bond.

Immediately after RUTH HAMM ROBSION had received her sentence and had been interviewed by Agent, a telephone call was made to Mr. P. C. FOXWORTH of the Bureau, advising him of the sentence and of the securing of the signed statement.

The name of RUTH HAMM ROBSION will be dropped from subsequent reports.

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Disposition sheets concerning GRACE GOEDSTEIN and RUTH HAMM ROBSION.

Parole report concerning RUTH HAMM ROBSION.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as requested in the letter of reference from the Richmond Field Division will interview MAX BROWN, truck driver for the Standard Cleaners, 312 Market Street. Will contact BRYAN DISMUKES, checker for the Yellow Cab Taxi Company.

Will report further prosecutive action against other persons indicted in this case.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 6, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

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A report just received from the Little Rock Office reporting the plea of guilty entered by Ruth Hamm Robson, alias Connie Morris, on June 23, 1938, and her sentence on the same date to one year and one day in a Federal Penitentiary also furnishes the following information. She stated, at the time of pleading guilty, this was done for two reasons. One, in order that she might receive medical treatment and, two, that she did not desire to have her co-defendants contact her. Accordingly, strict instructions were issued to the jail that no persons were to be allowed to confer with this prisoner and in the event the request was made the Marshal's Office should be immediately advised. Connie Morris indicated she would cooperate fully with the Government in supplying any information in her possession. However, in specifically questioning her concerning each of the other subjects in this case, she furnished no additional information of value concerning any of them, with the exception of Grace Goldstein.

Relative to Grace Goldstein, however, she admitted knowing Margaret Thompson, niece of Grace, and advised of her personal knowledge of Margaret's working as a prostitute in the house of Grace Goldstein. She further furnished information which may indicate Goldstein's guilt as a subject in an additional White Slave Traffic Act case, inasmuch as she admitted that while in San Antonio, Texas, in the Summer of 1936, Grace Goldstein came to that place and asked Connie Morris to return to Hot Springs in order to work for her. Connie Morris indicated she returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, a week after seeing Grace Goldstein in San Antonio, Texas, at which time she traveled alone by train. Thereafter, she practiced prostitution again at Goldstein's place of prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for several months.

For your further information in regard to the status of this case, Grace Goldstein was released upon \$15,000 bond on June 13, 1938, her bonds being signed by H. A. Wheatley and E. O. Wheatley, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who listed assets totaling \$179,000.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

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REPORT MADE AT: LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-28-38	PAROLE REPORT: 6-25-38	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. CALHOUN IN
NAME OF CONVICT: RUTH HAMM ROBSION, with aliases: Mrs. Jean Baron, Connie Morris, Ruth Hamm, Mrs. Melvin Robsion, Mrs. Harold King, Ruth Robinson, Joan Barron, Jean Baron, Joan Hammer.		TITLE OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM; KIDNAPING-HARBORING.	

RUTH HAMM ROBSION entered a plea of guilty at Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 23, 1938, to a Federal indictment returned May 18, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas, charging conspiracy to harbor. On June 23, 1938, she was sentenced by Federal Judge THOMAS C. TRIMBLE, Little Rock, Arkansas, to serve one year and one day in a Federal Penitentiary.

RUTH HAMM ROBSION was a prostitute in the resort of JEWELL LEVERNE GRAYSON, alias GRACE GOLDSTEIN at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the years 1935 and 1936; in that resort she used the name of CONNIE MORRIS. ALVIN KARPIS and FRED HUNTER, fugitives, came to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the Spring of 1935, and immediately thereafter consorted with CONNIE MORRIS and GRACE GOLDSTEIN. CONNIE MORRIS was the paramour of FRED HUNTER and made several trips with him out of Hot Springs, Arkansas. In March, 1936 RUTH ROBSION learned definitely that Federal officers were seeking KARPIS and HUNTER, and thereupon fled with them from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, Biloxi, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and was with them when they were arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936.

RUTH HAMM ROBSION is a white woman, twenty-one years of age. She was born on November 25, 1916, at Davidson, Oklahoma, and is one of nine children. She reached the eighth grade in school, and left school at the age of fifteen to marry. She remained with her husband for one year only. She is not divorced from him.

The criminal record of this woman as reflected by FBI # 1523551 is as follows:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
July 1, 1938


Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: EARL L. LEVY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 9, 1938, (7-576-3), which enclosed copies of a letter dated May 19, 1938, from Mr. EARL L. LEVY, U. S. Veterans Hospital (Facility), North Little Rock, Arkansas, together with Bureau reply thereto, dated June 9, 1938.

The letter from Mr. LEVY addressed to the Bureau indicated that he was in a position to supply valuable information on various criminal activities to the Bureau.

On June 20, 1938, Special Agent HAYNE A. THOMPSON contacted Dr. E. H. ALLIS at the United States Veterans Facility, North Little Rock, Arkansas, at which time Dr. ALLIS produced the records which indicated that EARL L. LEVY,  b6

Mr. LEVY was a resident of Memphis, Tennessee, having been in the clothing business with some relatives of his in that city; that he had a brother named GILBERT LEVY, 760 Cypress Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, who is a very prominent physician. Dr. ALLIS stated that Mr. LEVY had talked to him on various occasions of various

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crimes and criminals; however, Dr. ALLIS stated he does not have any faith in any of the informations supplied by Mr. LEVY; further that Mr. LEVY is the type of individual who would convince an ordinary jury that he was absolutely sane and rational; however, the reason he was placed in this particular institution was because he had attacked an old man in Memphis, Tennessee, and had almost beat him to death for no apparent reason. Dr. ALLIS concluded by stating that based upon his observation of Mr. LEVY, he would not have any faith in any statements made by Mr. LEVY.

Mr. EARL L. LEVY was interviewed in the private reception room at which time he stated that he had been a special officer for the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department a number of years ago; that he had been a Special Agent for the United States Census Bureau in 1909; and had given valuable information to Mr. H. BRUCE BILLASKI, war time Chief of the Department of Justice in 1917; that he worked for ARTHUR BRISBANE on the Washington, D. C. Times in 1917; as Assistant City Editor on the Old Memphis Scimitar about 1911 or 1912; that he had been married twice, his second wife being DORCAS COCHRAN, of St. Louis, Missouri, an actress who had been married three times, one of her marriages to a ROTHSTEIN or RORNSTEIN, who was a nephew of ARNOLD ROTHSTEIN, a gangster, who was killed in New York some years ago; that they were married in 1935 on May 23, in Chicago, Illinois; that they had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on their honeymoon, and while there they had been entertained by a dentist named McCORRY or McCRARY, whose wife was a cousin of DORCAS COCHRAN; that this dentist had an Australian sheep dog which he told Mr. LEVY he had obtained from some gangster, however, he didn't state whether this was for services rendered, nor did he mention the identity of the gangster. Mr. LEVY stated he had no additional information as to any criminal activities in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With regard to his statement pertaining to the Soho Club in Kansas City, Missouri, LEVY stated that his wife had informed him that gangsters made this club in Kansas City, a meeting place. Mr. LEVY was unable to supply any additional information as to this club.

Director

June 11, 1938

As to the statement in his letter to the Bureau about a personal and trusted friend of the Director who had abused the confidence of the Department of Justice and the Director, personally, Mr. LEVY stated that he referred to WILLIAM S. GRIFFIN, former Chief Detective on the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department, who now operates a private detective agency in Memphis, Tennessee. LEVY stated that while acting as Special Officer on the Memphis Police Department, he had assisted in the solution of a number of cases for Mr. GRIFFIN. Mr. LEVY stated that GRIFFIN had betrayed the confidence of the Department of Justice and the Director in connection with a fur robbery at the KIRCHNER Fur Shop, Memphis, Tennessee, which fur shop had reported the theft of two valuable furs, however, in reality only one fur had been stolen, GRIFFIN being aware of this fact had tried to protect KIRCHNER in this matter. This theft allegedly took place last fall. LEVY was very indefinite in this information and it was impossible to obtain more definite information; however, it was apparent that Mr. LEVY thought KIRCHNER was a thief, very crooked in his dealings, and that GRIFFIN was apparently protecting him.

As to the identity of the party in St. Louis, Missouri, who allegedly knows certain gangsters and their methods, Mr. LEVY stated he referred to his mother-in-law, ADA J. COCHRAN, who resides in the 55 hundred block on Delmar Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; however Mr. LEVY was unable to give more definite information on this matter.

With regard to his statement in his letter pertaining to dope, Mr. LEVY stated there is a Greek, first name CHARLES, last name unknown, residing in some hotel in Memphis, who is a known user of dope and who obtains his supply from HARRY FARRISH who is connected with the WILLIAM MILKERSON Wholesale Drug Company, which is located on South French Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and that this FARRISH supplies drugs to various drug stores and individuals. He stated that FARRISH gambles away his money, is a heavy loser, and must have some independent income.

With regard to the marihuana cigarettes mentioned in his letter, Mr. LEVY stated that Miss VELMA LISENEA, who is employed by the United Warehouse, Memphis, Tennessee,

Director

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residing at 819 Millett Street, Memphis, Tennessee, told him of a negro who sold marihuana cigarettes and obscene literature to the school children at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. LEVY was unable to supply definite information on this matter.

From personal observation and interrogation the following description was obtained of EARL L. LEVY:

NAME	EARL L. LEVY
Age	47, born September 7, 1890, Memphis, Tenn.
Height	5'10"11"
Weight	180
hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Son	JOSEPH EARL LEVY, age 17, resides at 270 South Bellview, Memphis, Tennessee, with Mr. LEVY'S first wife.

Mr. LEVY stated that he was in the men's clothing business with his father and uncle which is known as the LEVY TOGGERY; that in his opinion his uncle and father were endeavoring to have him confined in order that they might cheat him out of his share of the company.

As to his Army record he stated that he was in the British Transport Service in 1915, at which time he was writing stories for magazines in the United States; that in November, 1917 he enlisted in the United States Navy having been assigned to the U.S.S. Dolphin, that he was injured while on board this ship, was taken to a hospital, and while in this hospital he had suffered a nervous breakdown in 1918; that in 1925 he had been confined to the New York State Hospital at West Plains, New York, because of a complaint made by his uncle with whom he was in business; that in December, 1927 he was in the United States Veterans Facility at Gulfport, Mississippi for approximately five weeks; that in September, 1929 he again entered the United

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States Veterans Facility at Gulfport, and remained there until March, 1930; that in October, 1931 he again entered Gulfport and stayed there one year; that in April, 1936 he had been confined in Wallace's Sanatorium at Normal, Tennessee, this particular confinement being caused by his second wife, who complained to the Police Department that he was carrying a gun and was going to injure her.

Mr. LEVY stated that his son had visited him recently and was making every effort to have him released from the Veterans Facility and that he had employed an attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas who was going to institute habeas corpus proceedings.

Mr. LEVY stated that he received a long distance telephone call from Miss VELMA LISENBA, Saturday night, who was endeavoring to have him released.

Mr. LEVY also requested Agent to make every effort to have him released from this institution inasmuch as he was not insane in the least.

Mr. LEVY stated that the reason he had struck this man in Memphis, Tennessee, was that someone had forced vapors of some sort into his hotel room, which had caused him to become temporarily deranged and had struck this man without knowing what he was doing.

Dr. ALLIS was again interviewed at which time he ascertained that Mr. LEVY had not received any telephone call on the previous Saturday night; however, Dr. ALLIS stated Mr. LEVY was endeavoring to obtain a release from this institution apparently with a number of friends with whom he was corresponding both by telephone and by letter. Dr. ALLIS again reiterated his statement that he would not place any faith in any information supplied by Mr. LEVY.

From Agent's personal observation it is noted that while Mr. LEVY appears very rational in discussing some of the subjects, his mind wanders from the particular subject he is discussing to another subject; however, he would return to the various subjects which he had started and would finish same. However, it is believed that Mr.

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Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
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Special Agent In Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

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Karpis Ally Gets Year on Guilty Plea

Connie Morris Makes
Surprise Admission to
Harboring Gangster.

Leniency Is Asked

Attorney Cites Aid to
G-Men; Seven Spa Res-
idents Face Trial.

In a surprise appearance before federal court here today, Ruth Hamm Robinson, 21, alias Connie Morris, formerly of Frederick, Okla., pleaded guilty to the charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, one-time public enemy No. 1, in Hot Springs in 1935 and 1936, and was immediately sentenced by Judge Thomas C. Trimble to a year and a day in federal prison.

Seven other persons, all residents of Hot Springs, were indicted on the same charge and entered pleas of not guilty. They are at liberty under bond of \$5,000 and \$10,000 pending trial at the October term of court.

Hans Wolf, St. Louis attorney for the Robinson woman—she incidentally is the alleged consort of Fred Hunter, a member of the Karpis gang—pleaded with Judge Trimble for a light sentence.

Wolf said that Miss Robinson, arrested at St. Louis May 18, had given the Department of Justice agents all information she possessed about Karpis' stay at Hot Springs in 1935 and 1936, and that she would testify for the government in the trials of the other persons indicted.

The prison to which she was sentenced was not announced. Court attaches explained that under a new Department of Justice regulation, the United States attorney general must designate prisons to which women are to be sent and that it probably would be several days before such designation is made for her. Miss Robinson was placed in the Pulaski county jail following her sentence.

Gangster's Consort To Testify for U. S.



RUTH HAMM ROBINSON.

The Federal Bureau of Identification, in its announcement of the indictment of the eight persons accused of harboring Karpis, charged Miss Robinson was living at a Hot Springs rooming house operated by Grace Goldstein when Karpis and Hunter came there in June, 1935. They charged Miss Robinson associated herself with Hunter until federal agents trapped Karpis, Hunter and her at New Orleans May 1, 1936.

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The other Hot Springs residents indicted on the harboring charge were Mrs. Goldstein, Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former chief of detectives; Joe Wakelin, former chief of police; Cecil Brock, former police lieutenant; John Stover, airport manager; Mrs. Al C. Dyer, boat landing operator, and Morris Loftis, caretaker for the Dyer boat landing.

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Unholy Wedlock—

How the G-Men accuse a big city's one-time police heads of shielding Old Creepy, the deadly Karpis, in the terrifying alliance between crime and officials

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By DAVIS J. WALSH

THE Rock got many of them. The Rock, the trade-name that an unlovely craft, which specialized in a number of unlovely things like death by violence, gave to that sinister pile of granite called Alcatraz Island, thrusting itself out of the Pacific with the effect of a raw, gaping wound. Alvin (Old Creepy) Karpis is there. So are Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey and others so innately vicious that Capone is said to go in fear of life.

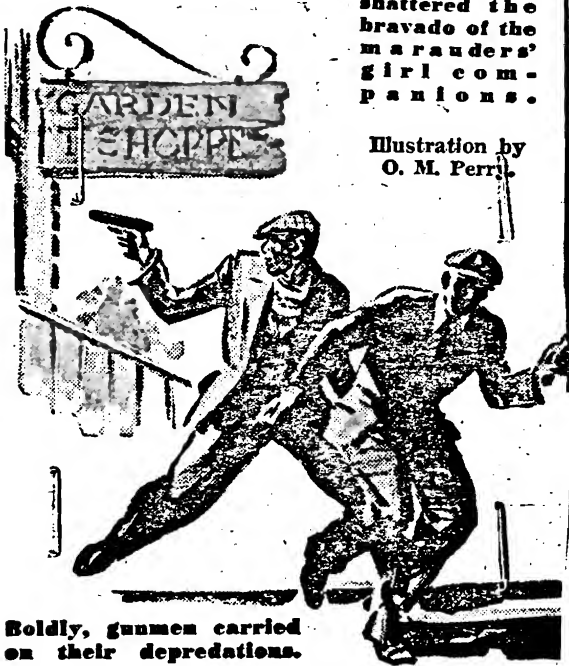
Others of this terrifying commora have been more or less permanently mislaid in Leavenworth and quite reliable "clinks" here and there, where the grill-work and locksmithing are unexcelled. The morgue did pretty well, too.

It got Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, Homer Van Meter; Lloyd, probably the most soulless of the inhuman Barkers, and that amazing hag, his mother, inappropriately known as "Ma"—the Mrs. Fagin of organized murder and stick-up and kidnap and assault. Yes, without much doubt, the authorities and the institution of law enforcement have pretty much caught up with the nonsensical idea that the antics of these highly unconventional gentlemen came under the head of Romantic Crime.

An aftermath of this period is about to be

A hall of terse questions shattered the bravado of the marauders' girl companions.

Illustration by O. M. Perri.



unfolded following the handing down of indictments against several former police heads of Hot Springs, Ark., whose sworn and bounden duty was the unremitting pursuit of the malefactor and his everlasting undoing, that society might go freely about its lawful business by daylight and sleep more peacefully by night. Instead, the charge is that the Hot Springs police heads of three years ago—far from molesting Alvin Karpis, then Public Enemy No. 1—were at surprising pains to give him what aid they might.

It isn't claimed that they gave him comfort. They didn't have to. He had that already—at a lake shore cottage, with his light o' love and a couple of straight-shooters who wouldn't think of wounding a defenseless citizen, except seriously.

Mr. Karpis at the time was being hunted and hounded, we were led to believe, by armed posses of police, resolute and unafraid.

As a result of this belated charge that Hot Springs allegedly not only gave him the keys of the city but apparently let him toy with the serial number on the strong-box of its civic freedom, the following have been indicted and now are awaiting trial.

Former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin; former Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers; former Lieutenant Cecil Brock, in charge of the fingerprint-identification bureau; former Manager of the Municipal Airport John Stover and four minor characters, including a few bottle-blondes who were left around the joint with the cigarette butts and gin "empties".

The charge, specifically, was that Karpis was "harbored" with full knowledge of his real identity, while the country was flooded with handbills seeking his whereabouts.

Whether any of these charges are true is solely for the jury in the forthcoming trials at Little Rock to determine. The case recalls, however, what Courtney Ryley Cooper, outstanding student of criminology, said in his book, "Here's to Crime".

Mr. Cooper neers in his well-bred way at the exploits of the No. 1 Public Enemies. He frankly states that neither Dillinger nor any other no-good of the period could have got away with his marauding for five minutes, let alone

five years, without the help, both covert and overt, of the police themselves.

That isn't the way it went after the G-Men suddenly began holding cards in the game, and finally exploded the tradition of Dillinger and his ilk as a hoax and a myth. There was only one way you could touch a G-Man. You had to use a steel-jacketed bullet or it wasn't even a glancing contact.

Until then, though, it was often possible for badly "wanted" men—the Floyds, the Dillingers, the Nelsons, the John Hamiltons and Clyde Barrows—to consort, unafraid, in the populous purlieus of the Mid and South-West with the citizens of the region, sometimes standing in the bars and tap rooms with or significantly near peace officers and getting boisterously potted.

It is even alleged that ex-Police Chief Wakelin once stood upon a street corner and chatted amiably with the bandit, a youth of such extreme heartlessness that his own partners in depravity—having glanced unguardedly into the dilated pupils of his bald, unwavering eyes and seen what they held—called him Old Creepy.

It was Karpis, with the unhuman promptings of "Ma" Barker, who carried out the "snatches" of Banker Edward George Bremer and Brewer William A. Hamm, Jr., both of St. Paul, and made the waking hours of every paying teller a purgatory of insensate fright.

Old Creepy, in fact, just about had everybody buffaloed, including probably his friends, the Barkers. Yet, in discussing this cut-throat band, Author Cooper has this to say:

"...all of whom, at one time or another, were enabled to escape punishment through political and police aid."

And said Gun-Moll Edna Murray, according to the testimony of Author Cooper and the turnkeys and others at the Missouri State Penitentiary where, it seemed, she was being unavoidably detained:

"The Bremer kidnap couldn't have been accomplished without the aid of two members of the St. Paul Police Department." (Banker Bremer ultimately had to pay \$50,000 to get back.)

Once, according to Mr. Cooper, Karpis gave \$6,500 to the mayoralty campaign of a friendly

candidate in an Ohio metropolis, with the understanding that he was to have the "freedom of the city". Again, he is said to have occupied a "honeymoon" cottage on Lake Michigan, rented to him by a prominent politician.

This was done at a time when Old Creepy was hotter than a stove lid with the G-Men.

It wasn't surprising, therefore, that, even with all the Federal "heat" on him, Karpis went rolling confidently into Hot Springs on a mild September afternoon in 1935. He didn't even bother to change his Ohio license plates and his first stop, brazenly enough, was at a corner drug store.

Imperiously, even a little impatiently, he honked his horn for attention. There was a bloke in the back seat who needed it.

It seemed that he had been toying absently with a six-shooter and, being unfortunately unfamiliar with firearms, had clumsily shot himself in the arm.

"Bring some liniment and bandages," said the man at the wheel, with strange, unblinking eyes. "My friend here had an accident."

The clerk suggested a doctor. The man at the wheel suggested, with alarming vigor, that the clerk mind his own business. Inquiry was made about renting a lake cottage and the abashed druggist managed to stammer out an owner who was then in the market for a tenant. When the car departed, the druggist rang the police.

Chief Wakelin responded with commendable promptitude. He even took Chief Detective Akers and Lieutenant Brock along as a measure of protection, but it all came to nothing, the official report being that the occupants of the cottage had left the place before the police arrived. But the Federal agents charge that a lake-front cottage housed new tenants who were behaving themselves in quite the ordinary way, except that one of them had managed, somehow, to contract a bullet wound in the arm while nobody was noticing.

The newcomers continued to make themselves otherwise unremarkable.

But after a while, the G-Men came to town—and then the fun began. It has been always thus.

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New Light on Gangsters

Although no American city has yet turned wholly sinless and sat down piously to await the wholesale distribution of harps and haloes, it is nevertheless true that we don't hear nearly as much about gangsters and the underworld as we used to hear.

This is partly because the G-men and other law enforcement agencies have done some pretty effective work. Even more, however, it is simply because the gangsters and the underworld have ceased to be news. Gangs and underworlds still exist; less defiant, less cocky, perhaps, but still in business.

So any new light we can get on the way commercialized crime operates is worth getting and worth thinking about. We shan't really win the long war with gangsterism until we understand fully how and why gangsterism exists; and some valuable light on the subject is provided by a recent happening in Arkansas.

There the G-men arrested five men and two women on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, who once was rated one of the nation's most energetic public enemies, back in 1935. Among those arrested were an ex-chief of police, an ex-detective chief, an ex-detective lieutenant and the former manager of the Hot Springs municipal airport.

All of which is interesting for two reasons.

First, because it shows clearly that the big shot criminals do not operate on their own. Their "gangs" are not made up solely of low-browed thugs and coke-sniffing killers; they depend for their existence on the active co-operation of respected people.

Gangsters have to move from place to place. They have to hide out from the law. And they don't slink furtively about like trembling fugitives in a moving picture. They have their friends, their "connections," who take care of them. They are able to live outside the law because supposedly decent folk help them to live that way.

Second, they can't operate without an understanding with the forces of law and order. Pat Roche, the famous Chicago detective, once remarked caustically that a one-armed prohibition agent on a bicycle could have dried up Chicago in a week if he had really tried; and the implications of that remark are true of all gangs at all times and places. Crime flourishes when the police let it flourish—not otherwise.

So these arrests in Arkansas are worth thinking about. Rounding up the people who enabled a public enemy to operate is less spectacular work than nabbing the public enemy himself; in the long run, however, it is the most important part of the job of gang-busting.

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The other Hot Springs residents indicted on the harboring charge were Mrs. Goldstein; Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former chief of detectives; Joe Wckelin, former chief of police; Cecil Brock, former police lieutenant; John Stover, Airport manager; Mrs. Al C. Dyer, boat landing operator; and Morris Loftis, caretaker for the Dyer boat landing.

G-MEN CORRAL 8 AS ACCOMPLICES OF KARPIS GANG

Three Ex-Police Officials
Caught in Net

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 19 (I.N.S.).—The Federal Government moved to clean the slate against the notorious Barker-Karpis gang today with the prosecution of three women and five men indicted for sheltering the desperadoes.

G-Men cracked down simultaneously in three cities to corral the accused accomplices.

POLICE OFFICIALS

They seized six at Hot Springs, including three former police officials there. Connie Morris, 22, identified as a sweetheart of Fred Hunter, a Karpis gang member, was arrested in St. Louis, and Jewell Laverne Grayson was nabbed in Los Angeles.

The arrests followed months of investigation by Inspector E. J. Connelley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other members of the department throughout the Midwest.

Those taken in custody at Hot Springs were former Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, Cecil Brock, ousted police lieutenant; John Stover, manager of the municipal airport; Morris Loftis, a caretaker, and Mrs. Al C. Dyer, owner of the boat landing where Loftis worked.

KARPIS' "WIFE" TALKS

The Grayson woman, known to police as Gracie Goldstein, was said to have admitted she lived with Karpis while he was a fugitive. She is charged with renting the house in which they lived at Hot Springs from June, 1935, to May, 1936.

Karpis is now serving a life term on Alcatraz Island for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., in St. Paul.

Miss Grayson, who said she was 32, was caught at a downtown hotel while awaiting a boat for Honolulu on which she had booked passage for Friday.

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GANGLAND'S ALLIES

ALTHOUGH no American city has yet turned wholly sinless and sat down piously to await the wholesale distribution of harps and haloes, it is nevertheless true that we don't hear nearly as much about gangsters and the underworld as we used to hear.

This is partly because the G-men and other law enforcement agencies have done some pretty effective work. Even more, however, it is simply because the gangsters and the underworld have ceased to be news. Gangs and underworlds still exist, less defiant, less cocky, perhaps, but still in business.

So any new light we can get on the way commercialized crime operates is worth getting and worth thinking about. We shan't really win the long war with gangsterism until we understand fully how and why gangsterism exists, and some valuable light on the subject is provided by a recent happening in Arkansas.

There the G-men arrested five men and two women on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, who once was rated one of the Nation's most energetic public enemies, back in 1935. Among those arrested were a former chief of police, a former detective chief, a former detective lieutenant and the former manager of a municipal airport.

All of which is interesting for two reasons.

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First, because it shows clearly that the big shot criminals do not operate on their own. Their "gangs" are not made up solely of low-browed thugs and coke-shiffing killers; they depend for their existence on the active co-operation of respected people.

Gangsters have to move from place to place. They have to hide out from the law. And they don't slink furtively about like trembling fugitives in a moving picture. They have their friends, their "connections," who take care of them. They are able to live outside the law because supposedly decent folk help them to live that way.

Second, they can't operate without an understanding with the forces of law and order. Pat Roche, the famous Chicago detective, once remarked caustically that a one-armed prohibition agent on a bicycle could have dried up Chicago in a week if he had really tried, and the implications of that remark are true of all gangs at all times and places. Crime flourishes when the police let it flourish—not otherwise.

So these arrests in Arkansas are worth thinking about. Rounding up the people who enabled a public enemy to operate is less spectacular work than nabbing the public enemy himself; in the long run, however, it is the most important part of the job of gang-busting.

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July 6, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: RUFFIN G. MATTHEWS, with alias,
FUGITIVE; RUBY MAE MORACE, with
aliases, FUGITIVE; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT
TO AVOID PROSECUTION

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of June 22, 1938, suggesting that a letter of commendation be sent to Detective Jerry Watkins of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department, you are advised that no such letter will be sent to that officer inasmuch as his name appears frequently in the Bureau file on the Brekid case, and it appears that in the past he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 7-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-29, 30-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY fw
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant, ARTHUR JEFFERSON, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advises names of several persons who may have additional information in instant case. MAX BROWN interviewed but has no definite information that HERBERT AKERS knew KARPIS in Hot Springs. CHESTER LAROE has no information of value.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Richmond Field Division, dated June 18, 1938.

Report of Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 28, 1938.

DETAILS:

On June 29, 1938, ARTHUR JEFFERSON, 424 Oak Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephonically communicated with Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, advising that he had the names of several persons in Hot Springs, who would like to confer with an Agent of this Bureau, and Mr. CALHOUN arranged for the writer to interview Mr. JEFFERSON on the following day.

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Agent interviewed Mr. ARTHUR JEFFERSON at which time he advised that BERT BAILEY, a truck driver for ELZIE W. SIGMAN, a Gulf Oil Company distributor in Hot Springs, Arkansas, had talked to him and BAILEY stated that he knew plenty about what was going on in Hot Springs, and might divulge same if contacted by an Agent of this Bureau. Mr. JEFFERSON also advised that Mr. WESLEY TAYLOR told him that he, TAYLOR, wanted an Agent to see a man by the name of GUY WRIGHT and Mr. JEFFERSON did not know what information WRIGHT would be able to

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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divulge in connection with this case. He also advised that one WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirt Street, Hot Springs, desired to see an Agent. In this connection Mr. JEFFERSON advised that WILLIE WILLIAMS was a witness for the prosecution in the trial at Hot Springs, about a year ago involving a number of officers from the Hot Springs Police Department in which some man held in jail was beaten to death. He also advised that one CHESTER LaROE, a barber on Central Avenue, also desired to talk to an Agent. In this connection it should be noted that the Little Rock Office is in receipt of a postcard from CHESTER LaROE, dated May 31, 1938, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, requesting that an Agent call on him when next in the city.

Agent located CHESTER LaROE at his barber shop, 907A Central Avenue, at which time he advised that Mr. S. D. MUSE who drives a truck for the Muse Moving Company, had told him, LaROE, that Dr. A. H. MAUSLEY, a veterinarian in Hot Springs, had been keeping ALVIN KARPIS' dog at the time KARPIS was reported to be in and out of Hot Springs. This was the only additional information in the possession of Mr. LaROE, but he stated that there was some talk around the barber shop that former Chief of Police JOE WAKELIN was on bad terms with Mayor LEO McLAUGHLIN.

Agent located Mr. BERT BAILEY while he was driving on his truck route and it was obviously impossible to interview him at this time. He stated that he would be glad to talk to an Agent at a later time and he could be reached through the Sigman Oil Company, telephone # 935, and an appointment could be made with him at a later time. A lead is being set forth to interview BERT BAILEY in the near future.

Agent had been advised that WESLEY TAYLOR operated Taylor's Auto Court on Highway # 70, and inquiry at this auto court revealed that he had moved and was living on Beard Street. Neighborhood inquiry subsequently developed that TAYLOR had moved to 306 Beard Street, this street being located near the city limits of Hot Springs just off of Highway # 70. Mrs. TAYLOR advised that her husband was out of town and would not return until late that evening and hence was unavailable for interview.

Agent had also been advised by Mr. JEFFERSON that GUY WRIGHT would not be available for interview during the day and had no idea where WRIGHT could be located until evening, and as Agent had to return to headquarters on the day the above investigation was conducted no effort was made to locate and interview WRIGHT.

In connection with the information set forth in reference letter from the Richmond Field Division, Agent located MAX BROWN, a truck driver for the Standard Cleaners, 312 Market Street, at 214 South Patterson Street, with regard to the incident mentioned in letter of reference. BROWN advised that he had worked for BURKE'S Garage in Hot Springs, and that one night in 1936, three men and a woman drove into the garage in a large car with Kansas licenses and he believed this car was a Hudson. He stated that as he approached the car the man in the back seat told him to step back, that all they wanted was some water, and the negro employee BOOKER, also stepped toward the car and was likewise ordered to stand back by the man in the rear seat. This individual then put the water into the car himself and the car drove off toward the Majestic Hotel. As soon as the car left, the negro, BOOKER, remarked to MAX BROWN "that looks like that fellow KARPIS", whereupon BROWN immediately called the Police Department and former Chief of Detectives AKERS and another man, BROWN was not sure who, came to the filling station whereupon the incident was related to the officers and the negro "BOOKER" told AKERS that he thought KARPIS was riding in the car.

BROWN stated that AKERS and the other officer immediately left and drove up Central Avenue toward the Majestic Hotel, but that he did not see whether AKERS ever contacted the parties in this car or not. A few minutes later this same car was observed by BROWN and "BOOKER" returning down the street and they noticed it parking in front of the Southern Grill on Central Avenue. A few minutes later AKERS and the other officer returned to the filling station saying they had driven around the block a few times but had been unable to locate the car and there was probably nothing to the information given them. BROWN then pointed out that the car had stopped at the Southern Grill whereupon AKERS and the other officer left. BROWN stated he did not know whether AKERS ever contacted the parties in this car or not. He stated he did not know whether any of the parties riding in the above described automobile were ALVIN KARPIS as it was night when the above incident happened and he did not get a good look at the parties in this automobile, and had based his telephone call purely on the information given by the negro BOOKER. He stated he felt sure BOOKER would have no information regarding the incident other than what he, himself, had. He was unable to furnish the present address of BOOKER but advised that BOOKER subsequent to leaving the BURKE'S Garage had been employed by one FAT DAVIS who was running a Sinclair Filling Station on Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs, and who might be able to furnish information concerning BOOKER'S present address.

press FAY DAVIS was located operating a Lion Oil Company filling station on Malvern Avenue and he advised he did not have the present address of BOOKER. He stated that BOOKER'S full name is BOOKER THOMAS and that THOMAS had gone to Detroit, Michigan, however, through Mr. DAVIS, an uncle and cousin of THOMAS were located and it was ascertained that the present address of BOOKER THOMAS is 630 Riopelle Street, Detroit, Michigan.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at Detroit, Michigan, will locate BOOKER THOMAS at 640 Riopelle Street, and interview him in connection with the incident mentioned above by MAX BROWN. If he has information which would tend to show that former Chief of Detectives HERBERT TAKERS of Hot Springs, Arkansas, knew that ALVIN KARPIS was in the city, a signed statement should be taken from him in this regard.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will interview Mr. BERT BAILEY, a truck driver for the Sigman Gulf Oil Company distributor, and he can be reached through telephone #935 for an appointment.

Will locate Mr. WESLEY TAYLOR, 306 Beard Street, and through him interview GUY WRIGHT, who is reported to have some information of interest to this office in connection with this case.

Will interview Mr. WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirt Street, who has advised that he desires to see an Agent from this Office.

* Will contact BRYAN DISMUKES for the Yellow Cab Company as requested in letter of reference.

* Will report further prosecutive action in this case.

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M-I CER COMPANY
CONWAY, ARKANSAS
July 15 1938

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The material for the Sunday School talk arrived the other day and I thank you for same. I enjoyed reading the speeches made at the Boy's Club, No. Dame, and at the Hi-Y Club. They helped me very much in preparing my talk. I also enjoyed reading about the FBI training school, etc. In this country we need to get away from the so called "flat foot" police and have trained, intelligent, and highly respected men on the force. While on a recent trip to Canada I admired the police in that country.

I have been told that the police in Europe are better trained, and are a better class of men than the ones in this country. I am speaking about the average police in our town and cities. I believe that this country would go far if every officer could get some training in the FBI school.

I have read the history of Scotland Yard, and have read about the fine police system in France but I believe that your own FBI is the finest organization of its kind in the world. We needed you and your men and your organization years ago to nip in the bud some of the crime being committed in this country. The FBI has done a great piece of work, and is still doing the kind of work needed in America. The crime element is so well organized that a better organized group was needed to cope with them.

Here in Conway I am a member of the city council and I am going to try to get one of our police in your school. In the past two or three years we have had situations where a well trained man could have eliminated a lot of trouble. I would love to visit you in Washington and have a talk with you and some of the men in your organization.

One of my good friends and school mates is in your department. His name is Roy Calhoun. I see him in Little Rock every now and then. He was a smart boy in Hendrix College in Conway.

If you are ever in Arkansas I wish you would come to Conway and make a talk at our Rotary club.

Yours very truly,

/s/ ROBERT F. MOSLEY

P. S. You may have heard this one but I thought it pretty good. As you well remember Alvin Karpis hid for a while at Hot Springs out at Lake Hamilton. I was staying at cottage on lake Hamilton last week right next to the cottage occupied by Karpis. The old gentlemen who owns the houses had some (and still has them) ducks in the lake. They swim all around and get in the way. One day he heard some shots and saw a man in a cottage shooting at the ducks as they were swimming in the water. The old man became very angry and went to the house where the shooting was coming from and gave the man shooting a good bawling out and made him quit his sport. The would be marksman gave up his sport and did not shoot any more. A few days later the old gentlemen found out that he had bawled out the desperado Alvin Karpis.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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July 25, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH *[initials]*

Re: BREKID

In view of the fact that Clay Watt has not given a definite address and, further, inasmuch as he desires that no one in Hot Springs, Ark., be apprised of the fact that he is furnishing this Bureau information, it is believed inadvisable to acknowledge his letter.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
J. E. Lawler

I ENCLOSURE *[initials]*

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Hot Springs, Arkansas
July 19th, 1938.

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover
Director Bureau F.B.I.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir -

In the past year at Hot Springs Arkansas you had an operator by the name of Dan Sullivan with other field men working on the Alvin Karpis case in Hot Springs Arkansas an adjacent territory.

Mr. Sullivan has contacted me as to things pertaining to the Karpis case, and at this time your Little Rock division was handled by Mr. Chapman Fletcher who was transferred to Knoxville, Tennessee so I understand you now have another Mr. Fletcher in the Little Rock office whom some of your good informants do not know, also are afraid to reveal to this new office head what the new developments are, or what is going on here or to interference in the case of witnesses and fixing in the coming trial of several persons who were indited by the Federal Grand Jury last September at Little Rock, Arkansas.

I was asked by Mr. Sullivan that if there could be learned if there was any interference going on with witnesses to inform your Department through your Little Rock office and that the informants would not be used in person or exposed before a Grand Jury or at a trial court in this Karpis case of your informants.

I am at this time afraid to reveal information that I feel would help you and that you would like to know but do not wish to forward same to the Little Rock Office, So would like very much to reveal to Mr. Sullivan or some Special Agent from your assignment.

Things are very hot with the ones involved in this case and I feel that they will do anything to a person whom is suspected of revealing or knowing too much. That is why I am writing you instead of your Little Rock Office.

Have your man contact me by Local telephone 2866 Edgemoor Club, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and ask for me stating that he is a cousin of mine

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from Dallas, Texas, and I will know who the man represents. I will have to meet him and reveal the information to him as there is a party at this adress who is close and connected with some of the indited persons in the Alvin Karpis case.

I feel that it would justify you to attend to this matter as soon as possible if you feel that it is worth anything to you if you wish as your Department will have ample time to check up on the information.

Please be careful and protect me.

Yours

/s/ Clay Watt

Telephone 2866
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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July 26, 1938

Mr. Robert W. Mosley
M-K Grocer Company
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Mosley:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me on July 15, 1938 and I am so glad that you enjoyed reading the material which was forwarded to you recently.

I am deeply appreciative for your commendation of the activities of the Special Agents of the FBI and it is certainly encouraging to me to learn that you realize the value of properly training law enforcement officers and that you intend as a member of your City Council to interest your Police Department in sending a man to attend the FBI National Police Academy.

The active participation in the problems of law enforcement by such citizens as yourself is indeed a great sustaining factor to me and I do want you to know that I thoroughly enjoyed reading your letter and particularly the amusing incident with regard to the old gentleman at Hot Springs which you related.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Hot Springs, Arkansas.
July 19th 1938.

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover
Director Bureau F.B.I.
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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July 25, 1938

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted, herewith, copies of a letter dated July 19, 1938, from Clay Watt, indicating he is in possession of information concerning the harboring investigation conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

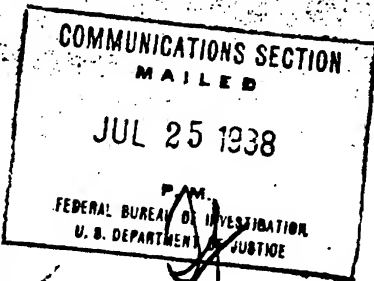
The Bureau desires that you immediately assign an Agent to call upon Mr. Watt, bearing in mind that this Agent should comply with the suggested method of contacting Watt. This Agent should also call upon Mr. Watt as a representative of the Bureau rather than as an employee of your office, in view of the information set forth in his letter.

Mr. Watt's communication is not being acknowledged and it is requested that he be thanked for his courtesy and interest in writing me concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



[Handwritten signature]

B. E. COLE
General Manager

PAUL BIRI
Assistant M.



AIRLINES CHARTER SERVICE

40 Broad Street, Boston, Mass.

July 23 1938

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Doing business as "Airlines Charter Service", I function as a co-ordinating agency for the sale of "off line" air transportation. Most of the leading airlines act as my sales agents, and I provide the transportation through contracting with certain airplane operators, who agree to conduct their operations in accordance with our rules and regulations, one of which is that they carry liability insurance.

February first of this year John H. Stover, of Hot Springs, Ark. signed a contract with me to provide such transportation from and to that point. Aero Insurance Underwriters, of 59 John St., New York City provided the requisite insurance. They have recently advised me that a warrant for the arrest of Stover has been issued at the request of your bureau, and that for this reason the insurance is cancelled. It is therefore necessary that we cancel his "membership" in our organization.

Unless there are "angles" to the case of which I am not aware, I shall do this with regret. When I investigated his operation, I was told of his transporting a woman and child on a call from a downtown agent, and that he later learned that he had carried Mrs. Karpis and child. Also, that when questioned by your agents he at first made the absurd claim that he did not know where he took them. As Stover gave me this information voluntarily, and seemed to realize keenly what an idiot he had been, I accepted him as an operator in our service, first checking with several responsible people on his story, and with the understanding that further proceedings in relation to his error had been dropped. It was my belief at the time that the man acted from fright, and possibly from advice of people he looked up to. I have found nothing in his previous record indicating criminal tendencies or associations. 8/2/38. Ack, cc. Boston. JES

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It was therefore a considerable shock when I learned of his arrest, as we take considerable pride in our group of operators, and plan to present them to your bureau as a unit equipped to provide uniformly fast, safe, publicity free transportation. If the information I have, as given above, is correct and complete; and if I am correct in assuming that the man has learned his lesson, neither the underwriters or myself wish to stand in the way of his earning his living in his profession. Therefore, before definitely acting, I am taking the liberty of asking for any information which you care to give, same to be kept confidential by the underwriters and myself, if you so advise.

Very Truly Yours,

B. E. Cole

AIRLINES CHARTER SERVICE

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7-576 - 3-391 August 2, 1938

Mr. B. E. Cole
General Manager
Airlines Charter Service
40 Broad Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cole:

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated July 23, 1938, requesting information concerning John H. Stover, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, being involved in the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

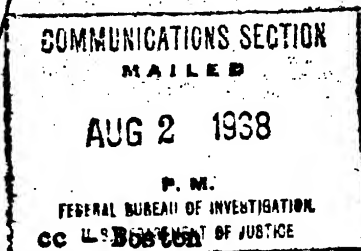
You are advised that John H. Stover, together with others, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 18, 1938. A warrant was immediately issued for his arrest, pursuant to which he was taken into custody and released on \$5,000.00 bond the same day, May 18th.

I am unable to furnish you any further information relative to this individual at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
July 26, 1938

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On July 16, 1938, at 7:15 P.M., a telephone call was received at the Little Rock Field Office from HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who advised the employee on duty that he had certain information which he desired to furnish me, and that he could be contacted in Hot Springs at Spencer's Cigar Store at 10:00 A.M., July 17, 1938.

At that time I contacted AKERS and he entered the Bureau car with me and we drove in the general direction of AKERS' country home outside of Hot Springs on Lake Catherine, and he advised that in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case he had been the individual who actually furnished information to the Bureau as to the whereabouts of FRANK NASH, and indicated that the Bureau had violated his confidence in disclosing his name in connection with that matter, and that he has often been accused by individuals in Hot Springs of "fingering" FRANK NASH, and that he had recently noted an article in a Kansas City newspaper referring to the case in which his name appeared prominently. He stated that he desired to furnish information to the Bureau pertaining to LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that so far as information given by him was concerned, he desired that his name be kept in strict confidence.

He stated that upon his return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, after his arrest and release on bond in connection with the harboring charges in the ALVIN KARPIS case, he determined that he was to be made the "goat", and that he had therefore broken off with the McLAUGHLIN crowd; that the McLAUGHLIN crowd were obviously planning and taking steps to use their political power and influence to get them out of the charges, and that they had an informant in the Federal Court House Building at Little Rock, Arkansas, who was keeping them advised of the developments of the contemplated prosecutive action against them this coming fall. He was unable to indicate this source

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
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Mr. Gurnea	✓
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value and as to which the statute of limitations had not run. He further advised that the Police Department at Hot Springs had recently arrested a Mr. and Mrs. PENDERGRASS, who had defrauded merchants in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by claiming prizes on punch boards, using counterfeit numbers; that when arrested the police had located in their hotel room the necessary equipment for making these counterfeit numbers, and that it had been indicated that these two individuals had secured over \$300.00 in merchandise as a result of their operations.

He advised that these two individuals would be in court at 9:00 A.M., July 18, 1938, and that they would be charged with vagrancy, given sentences and fined, all of which would be suspended and that they would be released, for the reason that a "fix" had been accomplished, the defendants to pay \$400.00, of which sum, in accord with previous practices, McLAUGHLIN would receive \$100.00, MARION ANDERSON, the Sheriff and right-hand man of McLAUGHLIN, would receive \$100.00, and the arresting officer and possibly another individual, would split the balance. He suggested that an agent be present in court to determine whether his statements in regard to this case were not correct. He stated also that the PENDERGRASS woman had been going up and down the streets stating that she was CONNIE MORRIS, and that she had also talked to CONNIE MORRIS the day prior to her arrest, and it was known that she was distributing cards indicating her name to be CONNIE MORRIS, stating that she was stopping at the Hatterie Hotel operated by GRACE GOLDSTEIN. However, she was not arrested at that point, and obviously was not staying at the Hatterie Hotel.

AKERS stated in connection with the PENDERGRASS matter that WELDON RASBERRY, now Acting Chief of Police, was a man who sincerely desired to operate the Police Department in an honest and fair manner, and that he was not an individual who would accept money or assist in "fixing" any type of case, and that RASBERRY had endeavored by wiring the Bureau and by air mail special delivery letters relating to the identity of PENDERGRASS, to ascertain definitely whether this individual was wanted by other police agencies on more serious charges so as to prevent his release.

With reference to LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, AKERS advised that the only way in which McLAUGHLIN could be taken on a Federal charge would be in connection with an income tax violation, and McLAUGHLIN formerly carried a \$30,000.00 checking account and it was quite obvious that he was putting large sums of money away in an

unknown place; that his exact income would be hard to ascertain, but that McLAUGHLIN had become frightened as to the possibility of prosecution on his income tax returns, and was now adopting the practice of indicating his income, even to the extent of the amount of money he secured from the Belvedere Club, which is the outstanding and most notorious of the gambling casinos at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated that McLAUGHLIN'S income also includes a certain "take" on all hand-book operations in Hot Springs, together with money received for "fixing" cases; that the hand-book operators are enjoying a very profitable business, and undoubtedly McLAUGHLIN'S income from this particular angle is very large; that recently some friends of AKERS had desired to handle books and he had contacted McLAUGHLIN for the purpose of getting the necessary permits, and that he had been refused the permits; that he at that time told them that when R. A. COOK, the present candidate for Governor of Arkansas, was elected, the Hot Springs crowd would be out so far as the books were concerned; that since he made that statement they have contacted him, endeavoring to give his friends the necessary permits, but that he had declined. He stated that he was a good friend of R. A. COOK, and that if COOK were elected, he and other foes of the McLAUGHLIN crowd. AKERS further advised that there was a "Better Business Association" forming in Hot Springs, and that when the opportunity presents itself this organization will effect the removal of McLAUGHLIN.

AKERS stated that he believed without question that McLAUGHLIN is putting a large amount of money and valuables away in a safe deposit box. He stated that JACK McDONALD, the former runner for McLAUGHLIN, had been divorced, and that JACK McDONALD and his wife were personal friends of his, and that Mrs. McDONALD, during the divorce proceedings, told him that JACK McDONALD had rented safe deposit boxes for McLAUGHLIN under assumed names and had placed a large amount of valuables and currency in these boxes for McLAUGHLIN. AKERS advised that he did not believe either JACK McDONALD or the former Mrs. McDONALD would furnish any information at this time, but that from his knowledge of the travels made by McDONALD, these boxes were probably located at Shreveport or Monroe, Louisiana. He stated that at the present time MARION ANDERSON is serving as runner and right-hand man for McLAUGHLIN, and was known to have been making many long night trips; that the McLAUGHLIN crowd was betting heavily on baseball games and were making a great deal of money from their bets.

With particular reference to the money being made by baseball betting, this information was previously furnished to me by Officer W. E. ARMSTRONG, of the Arkansas State Police, who advised particularly that MARION ANDERSON was making a great deal of money from his bets.

AKERS stated that during the last election for Governor, the Hot Springs crowd had backed CARL E. BAILEY, who was subsequently elected, and that the McLAUGHLIN crowd had decreed that certain individuals in Hot Springs would contribute to the BAILEY campaign, and that there had been secured at Hot Springs between \$12,000 and \$13,000, to be used for the support of BAILEY, and AKERS stated that he personally delivered \$1,500 to the BAILEY headquarters as Hot Springs' contribution, and as to the balance of the \$12,000 or \$13,000 in the hands of McLAUGHLIN and his crowd, he did not ascertain what was done with same; that so far the McLAUGHLIN crowd had not determined whether it would support COOK or BAILEY in the present campaign, having been somewhat "sore" at BAILEY because of the raids conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the purpose of breaking up gambling activities; that in connection with this matter, AKERS advised that he had personally visited Little Rock and substituted cheap furniture for the furniture taken from the Belvedere Club, which was subsequently destroyed, the Belvedere Club securing the return of their expensive furnishings.

He stated that as a result of his services in this matter, the Belvedere Club had offered him 2% of the "take", which would run between \$8,000 to \$10,000 during the course of a year, but that the rumor had now spread that it was he who had "fingered" the Southern Club for the robbery of that establishment, and so he has not ever received his 2%. He stated that in connection with this robbery, it appeared that BLACKIE COWART, T. N. NORRIS, "SONNY" LAMB and SAM STEGAL HAYNES were the ones who participated in it, and that if a local man "fingered" the job it was "SWEDE" WATKINS, now Chief of Detectives of the Hot Springs Police Department; that he had never connected the NORRIS gang with this robbery for the reason that he had personally seen NORRIS and HAYNES at the race track the afternoon the robbery took place. He advised that Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY, of the Bureau, had some information concerning this robbery, and that he had recently advised Inspector CONNELLEY of the identity of BLACKIE COWART, and that he wished the Bureau would furnish the information in its possession to Chief of Police WELDON RASBERRY, so that the robbery could be absolutely cleared up.

He stated that he sincerely believed that he would not be convicted of the present harboring charges pending against him in Federal Court at Little Rock; that something would turn up concerning these charges, and that when he had cleared himself of them he would be in a position to secure profitable employment.

No comment whatever was made by me concerning the charges pending against AKERS or concerning the information furnished by him.

In connection with the PENDERGRASS case, Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN was present when this case was called, at 9:00 A.M., July 18, 1938, at which time Municipal Judge VERNE LEDGERWOOD, without hearing any evidence, gave each defendant sixty days, placed bond at \$250.00 and the woman was released the same afternoon.

With particular reference to the source of information in the Federal Building at Little Rock, Arkansas, information has been received that HENRI H. JULIAN, former Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal, Little Rock, Arkansas, recently moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and has been employed as auditor and possibly accountant by the Belvedere Club. D. S. LIBBY, Superintendent of the Hot Springs National Park, furnished this information, stating that DIMITRI SAAD had told him that JULIAN had boasted that he was securing a good job in the Belvedere Club as a reward for tipping off the Hot Springs crowd as to the indictments returned for harboring in May, 1938.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

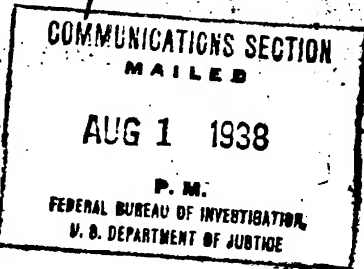
I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated
July 26, 1938, from the Little Rock office, which is
self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
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It was announced today at the Department of Justice that Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken into custody nine individuals upon warrants charging each with having harbored Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas and vicinity.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers is likewise charged with having harbored Thomas Nathan Norris, and Grace Goldstein is also charged with having violated the White Slave Traffic Act.

Those arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are as follows:

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Joseph Wakelin, former Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant in charge of Identification, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Garnett Moore, an officer of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Grace Goldstein

Connie Morris

John Stover

Morris Loftis

Mrs. Al C. Dyer

All of these persons are of Hot Springs, Arkansas, except Connie Morris, who was located and apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri. The police officers above named are charged with having harbored Alvin Karpis while they were on active duty with the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

There is attached hereto a memorandum outlining the activities of the persons against whom indictments have been returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas.

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MEMORANDUM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, subsequent to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, began an intensive investigation of all persons who harbored, aided or abetted these fugitives and other members of the publicized Karpis-Barker gang who were under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the abduction of Mr. Bremer, which resulted in the conviction of numerous members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang and the death of three others while resisting arrest, it was learned that the gang spent many months in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they resided unmolested. They shared among themselves a part of the \$200,000 ransom money collected from the Bremer family and spent it freely in drinking, vice and gambling. Action was delayed against the individuals who harbored and otherwise aided and abetted the gang until such a time as all of the abductors were captured. Nine individuals were convicted in the summer of 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, for harboring and otherwise assisting members of the Karpis-Barker gang in Toledo, Ohio and vicinity. The members of the gang who found protection in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter.

Alvin Karpis, an ex-convict from the Kansas State Penitentiary and a fugitive from the State of Missouri on a charge of murdering the popular Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Missouri on December 19, 1931, and Harry Campbell, wanted on a murder charge in the State of Oklahoma, have since been given life sentences. Harry Campbell was given a life sentence for the kidnaping and interstate transportation from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, of Mr. Bremer. Karpis is now serving life imprisonment for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., a wealthy brewer of St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 15, 1933.

In June, 1935, Alvin Karpis, together with Fred Hunter, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, residing in cottages on the various lakes and daily frequenting the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein became a constant companion of Alvin Karpis, and one of her prostitutes, Connie Morris, associated herself with Fred Hunter. They were visited in their rendezvous in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Harry Campbell and others of the gang from time to time, and they all moved about freely in Hot Springs without any apparent fear of arrest. The association of Karpis and Hunter with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris continued almost

uninterrupted until the apprehension by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, at which time Fred Hunter and Connie Morris accompanied Alvin Karpis. On May 7, 1936, Fred Hunter received a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to be served in a Federal Penitentiary. Hunter also stands convicted and sentenced to serve twenty-five years in a Federal Penitentiary for his participation with Karpis and others in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, the former Chief of Detectives; Joseph Wakelin, the former Chief of Police; Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant in Charge of the Identification Division; and Garnett A Moore, an officer, all of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, were aware of the identity of Alvin Karpis, and were visitors at the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Herbert "Dutch" Akers was observed on one occasion in conversation with Alvin Karpis, and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin had almost nightly clandestine meetings with Grace Goldstein during the time Karpis and Hunter resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Morris Loftis and Mrs. Al C. Dyer rented a cottage at Dyers Landing to Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, and informed Karpis and Hunter in December, 1935, of the details of an investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in October, 1935, looking to the location and apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

John Stover, operator of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Municipal Airport, flew Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and their female companions to various sections of the country and otherwise assisted them in avoiding detection and apprehension.. Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter are named as co-conspirators in the indictments returned against each of the individuals charged with harboring Alvin Karpis.

Grace Goldstein is charged with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act in that on October 16, 1935, she transported by automobile Margaret Thompson, her niece, from Paris, Texas, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Margaret Thompson was induced to engage in prostitution at one of the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein. The violation of the White Slave Traffic Act carries a more severe penalty than the violation of the Federal Harboring Statute.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, in addition to being charged with the harboring of Alvin Karpis, is charged with the harboring of Thomas Nathan Morris. Thomas Nathan Morris was one of the robbers of the Palmetto State Bank,

Lake City, S.C., which was robbed on September 4, 1934, of \$114,000. The robbery of this bank did not come under the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but on May 8, 1936, a complaint was issued at Charleston, South Carolina, charging Norris with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. On November 13, 1936, complaints were filed at Fort Worth, Texas, charging T. H. Norris and others with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for three armed robberies perpetrated at Fort Worth, Texas during October, 1936. It was also definitely determined that Norris and others attempted to rob the Bank of Lake, Lake, Mississippi, just prior to the robbery of the Palmetto State Bank at Lake City, and in connection with this unsuccessful attempt, another complaint was filed at Vicksburg, Mississippi on April 9, 1937, charging Norris with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

The investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the harboring of T. H. Norris by Herbert "Dutch" Akers, developed that Norris and his associates, Sam Stegal Haynes, Alfred "Sonny" Lamb and Goldie H. Hairston, were harbored by Akers at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from March 15, 1937 to August 15, 1937. Akers has admitted to Special Agents his guilt in connection with this violation of the Federal Harboring Statute.

Norris, Haynes, Hairston and Lamb committed numerous crimes of violence, including armed robberies and a murder, while being protected by Akers at Hot Springs, Arkansas. On August 15, 1937, Haynes was arrested at Benton, Arkansas, by the Arkansas State Police. Later that day the Arkansas State Police killed Alfred "Sonny" Lamb as he was resisting arrest in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Norris was taken into custody one mile west of Rogers, Arkansas, on August 16, 1937 in a raid on the home of his mother, at which time he was shot in both arms and legs while resisting arrest by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Arkansas State Police, and local authorities.

Goldie Hairston, wanted for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was found dead of gunshot wounds near Gretna, Louisiana, after he and companions had fired upon two officers of the Gulfport, Mississippi Police Department on September 7, 1937, killing one of the officers.

Thomas Nathan Norris is presently incarcerated in the Texas State Penitentiary on one 99-year sentence for murder, two 99-year sentences for armed robbery, and a sentence of 5 to 40 years for armed robbery. Sam Stegal Haynes is presently incarcerated in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, where he is serving a sentence of from 5 to 12 years for armed robbery, and is awaiting trial on an indictment returned November 9, 1937, in the State District Court at Richmond, Texas, charging him with the murder of Robert Rutledge at Stafford, Texas. This is the murder charge for which Norris received a 99 year sentence.

Morris, Sam Stegal Haynes, Goldie Hairston and Alfred "Sonny" Lamb are being named as co-conspirators in the indictment returned against Herbert "Dutch" Akers for his participation in the harboring of Thomas Nathan Morris.

As a result of the investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the members of the Karpis-Barker gang who kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota, June 15, 1933, and Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 17, 1934, obtaining \$100,000 and \$200,000 respectively, for the release of the victims, together with various persons who harbored and aided or abetted them, have been disposed of as follows:

Alvin Karpis	Life sentence	Kidnaping - Hamm
Harry Campbell	" "	" - Bremer
Charles Fitzgerald	" "	" - Hamm
Arthur "Doc" Barker	" "	" - Bremer
William Weaver	" "	" "
Volney Davis	" "	" "
Harry Sawyer	" "	" "
Oliver A. Berg	" "	" "
	(Berg also serving life on State charge)	
Fred Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Kate Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Russell Gibson	Killed resisting arrest January 8, 1935	" "
William J. Harrison	Killed January 5, 1935 by associates	" "
Fred Goetz, alias Shotgun Zeigler	Killed March, 1934, by associates	" "

Bryan Bolton	Four 3-year sentences	Kidnaping - Hamm and Bremer
Wynona Burdette	Five year sentence	Harboring Karpis and Campbe
Dolores Delaney	Five year sentence	" " "
Myrtle Eaton	Six months' sentence	Harboring Weaver
Edna Murray	Serving twenty-five years on State charge of robbery	
John J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss"	Five year sentence for money chapping (died in prison)	Kidnaping - Bremer
Harold Alderton	Twenty year sentence	Provided hideout Bremer kidnaping
Elmer Farmer	Twenty year sentence	Provided hideout Bremer kidnaping
Edmund C. Bartholmey (Postmaster, Bensen- ville)	Six year sentence	Provided hideout Hamm kidnaping
James J. Wilson	Five year sentence	Kidnaping - Bremer
Jack Peifer	Thirty-year sentence (committed suicide the date of sentence)	Kidnaping - Hamm
Cassius McDonald	Fifteen-year sentence	Kidnaping - Bremer
Bert Angus	Two-year ten month sen- tence and \$500 fine	Harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Cleveland and vicinity
Ted Angus	Two-year ten month sen- tence and \$500 fine	"
Arthur W. Hebebrand	Two-year sentence and \$1000 fine	"
Edward McGraw	Two-year sentence and \$500 fine	"

Clara McGraw	Two-year sentence and \$500 fine	Harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Cleveland, and vicinity
Edith Barry	Two-year sentence and \$500 fine	•
John F. Gorman	Three-year sentence and \$1000 fine	•
Frank Greenwald	One-year three month sentence	•
Anthony Amersbach	Two and one-half year sen- tence and \$1000 fine	•
Sam Coker	Not sentenced as now serving thirty-year sentence at Okla- homa	•
Bruno Austin, alias "Whitie"	Life sentence State court for murder	Associate Arthur "Doc" Barker
Jesse Doyle	Ten-year sentence State court for bank robbery	Associate of Volney Davis

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Mr. Milton Nobles
Secretary, Rotary Club
Hot Springs National Park
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Nobles:

I have your letter of August 5, 1938, together with enclosure, extending to me a very cordial invitation to deliver an address at a meeting of the Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club in May, 1939.

You may be sure that I would be delighted to meet with the Rotarians of your community, but I find that the increased pressure of my official duties makes it impossible for me to indicate an acceptance. I shall be very glad, however, to designate one of my assistants to be with you at the meeting you have in mind if you so desire and will communicate with me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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"He profits most who serves best"

Hot Springs National Park

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August 5, 1938

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The B. F. I. played the most important part in the running down here today of Earl Young, of Lebanon, Penn., wanted in South Dakota and other states for crime. It was your criminal bulletin service and no doubt the tip off came from F.B.I. men. Congratulations. Thanks.

Hot Springs hopes that before another year rolls around the former officers who harbored Karpis here will have received their convictions and sentence for violation of their oath and disloyalty to our citizenship. We hope that other criminals still in our midst, the leaders of the crooks, will have been removed from power.

Wont you please be one of our principal speakers at our Rotary district conference to be held here next May 1938 at the Arlington hotel and let us show our appreciation for what your department is doing to make Hot Springs safe for all visitors and local citizens?

A talk on what members of Rotary and citizens as a whole can do to cooperate with FBI in preventing recurrence of the many things which have happened here would reach 1600 Arkansas Rotarians and their families besides the southwestern section of this country which we cover with our local radio station. Definite dates in May have not been set but it will be during first half of May. I know you cannot always make a definite engagement but if you should be able to come here even for a few hours, we will write you of our definite date within a short time. Thanks again.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

At about 9:30 o'clock on the morning of August 15, 1938, a telephone call was received from some woman asking for the Special Agent in Charge of the Office, and upon being advised that he was out of the City this woman asked that she might speak to Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA or Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN. She was advised that neither Agent was in the City, but that if she had any communication of official business, she should call at the Little Rock Bureau Office. She would not furnish her name, but stated that she would probably come by.

"At 11:00 o'clock on August 15, 1938, Mrs. LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, the ex-wife of the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, came to the Little Rock Field Division and was interviewed by Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN in the absence of Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER."

"She stated that she was passing through Little Rock and had desired to talk for a few minutes to Mr. FLETCHER or to Mr. SULLIVAN or Mr. MADALA. She stated that she was very interested in the outcome of the trial of the various persons for harboring at Hot Springs, Arkansas, but that she did not desire that it be known that she had called at the office." (She stated that Mr. McLAUGHLIN did not know her present whereabouts, but she would not advise Agent CALHOUN where she was staying at present, except to state that she had been visiting Mrs. LEWIS PHOTON, who lives at 2222 Marshal Street in Little Rock.)

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(Mrs. McLAUGHLIN advised Agent CALHOUN that she was very close mouthed and was not much given to conversation, but she remained in the office for two and one-half hours during which time she talked at great length, and Agent CALHOUN asked her general questions in order to bring out any information of value that she might know.) -

"Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated that she had recently heard a rumor that had worried her considerably, namely that in the recent Senatorial election in Arkansas, Mr. HOMER ADKINS, the Collector of Internal Revenue for Arkansas, had sought to secure votes in Hot Springs and Garland County, Arkansas, from LEO McLAUGHLIN, and that Mr. McLAUGHLIN was very desirous of having JOSEPH WAKELIN and other defendants acquitted in the forthcoming trial, and that HOMER ADKINS is alleged to have promised that if McLAUGHLIN would assist in the election of Mrs. CARAWAY, steps would be taken to see that the new Federal Judge who is to be appointed for Arkansas would be one friendly to the Hot Springs crowd. (For the information of the Bureau, Mrs. HATTIE W. CARAWAY carried Garland County in which Hot Springs is located by several hundred votes, although Garland County is in the Congressional District in which Mr. JOHN L. McCLELLAN, former Congressman and opponent of Mrs. CARAWAY lives.)"

"Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated further that it was rumored that efforts were being made to "fix" the United States District Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, in order that a half-hearted prosecution might be had in the case. Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated that she did not know Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, well, but that she was well aware of the fact that the late Federal Judge JOHN E. MARTINEAU was "lined up" with her ex-husband, LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, and that plenty of liquor and women were provided for Judge MARTINEAU when he visited in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

"She asserted that Mr. CHARLES ROCKAFELLOW, owner of the Rockafellow Bath and Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was a pay-off man for the Hot Springs machine, and that he handled stolen jewelry as a side line. She stated that ROCKAFELLOW had in the past entertained Judge MARTINEAU,

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State Supreme Court Justice E. L. ~~McHANEY~~, Former Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court C. E. ~~JOHNSTON~~, the late Senator JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, and many other persons of prominence in Arkansas."

"Further information from Mrs. McLAUGHLIN was that during the session of the Arkansas Legislature in the early part of 1937 an effort was made to investigate conditions in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that the sum of \$75,000.00 was spent by the Hot Springs political machine to defeat that investigation and that the effort was successful. She stated that the Hot Springs machine could secure \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00 or more if it was believed that the same would be of any benefit in causing the acquittal of the persons to be tried for the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS."

"Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated that it was her belief that if JOSEPH WAKELIN and others got a small sentence they might not be inclined to talk, but if they were given heavy sentences, they might cause the conviction of her ex-husband, LEO McLAUGHLIN."

"She stated that a former citizen of Arkansas who was quite prominent was Mr. JOHN LONSDALE, a prominent banker in Saint Louis, Missouri, and that it was her belief that her ex-husband had some money on deposit in Mr. LONSDALE'S bank or in a safe deposit box in his bank. She stated that LONSDALE had always been closely allied with LEO P. McLAUGHLIN."

(Mrs. McLAUGHLIN asserted that she had no personal information that would be of such value as to cause her to be a witness in this case, but that she was extremely desirous of having all persons convicted, and was hopeful that somehow, somehow information could be had which would cause the prosecution of her ex-husband. She questioned Agent CALHOUN as to what prospects there were for convicting these men, and of any additional investigation that was being made, and she was advised by Agent CALHOUN that he was unable to furnish her information.)

"Mrs. McLAUGHLIN furnished the information that RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS after having been freed from Alcatraz Penitentiary returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had

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some kind of meeting with LEO McLAUGHLIN and advised him that it was his intention of living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he did not care to be molested. There had been a rumor, she said, that GALATAS had intended, upon being released from the Penitentiary, to get even with McLAUGHLIN and others because of the fact that LEO McLAUGHLIN had refused to give him financial aid when GALATAS was a fugitive from justice. She stated that she was with her ex-husband one evening several years ago, at which time he left the car and stated that he had to meet a fellow and she saw the man and later told him that this man was GALATAS and he admitted it was GALATAS. Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated further that Mrs. GALATAS had given LEO McLAUGHLIN the threat that if anything happened to RICHARD GALATAS they had friends who would even up the score with McLAUGHLIN. " *end*

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN did not know the name of any person who had been suggested for the new Federal Judgeship at Little Rock, Arkansas, who might be friendly to the Hot Springs political machine.

A rumor has been heard that friends of Senator HATTIE W. CARAWAY were very resentful of the fact that United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG refused to take any part in the political campaign recently, and that threats were made that he would be dismissed as United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Inspector E. J. Connelley
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Little Rock Field Office to the Director, dated August 15, 1938, in the above entitled case, this letter telling of a conversation had between Mrs. LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, the ex-wife of the Mayor of Hot Springs, and Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN of the Little Rock Field Office.

On the morning of August 16, 1938, Mrs. LEO P. McLAUGHLIN telephoned the Little Rock Field Office and inquired for the Special Agent in Charge, and upon being advised that he was out of the city requested to speak again to Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN told Agent by telephone that in her visit on the previous day she had forgotten to state that it was her information that LEO P. McLAUGHLIN and Mr. HOMER ADKINS, Collector of Internal Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, were of the opinion that United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG, Little Rock, Arkansas, could not be approached in the matter of making a half-hearted prosecution in the harboring case. She stated that it was her understanding that Mr. HOMER ADKINS had assured the Hot Springs crowd that Mr. ISGRIG would be displaced as United States Attorney, and that someone more agreeable to them would be in his place. Mrs.

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McLAUGHLIN asserted that she had not been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, lately and she would not furnish the source of the rumor received by her.

An item which might be of interest to the Bureau and one which was omitted in the letter of August 15, 1938, was the fact that Mrs. McLAUGHLIN in talking personally to Agent CALHOUN, stated that she had heard that ALVIN KARPIS had given valuable information to Bureau Agents which might implicate the Hot Springs crowd in the harboring charge, whereupon Agent CALHOUN advised her that he was unable to comment upon the same. Mrs. McLAUGHLIN replied "I knew you wouldn't tell me but I know that he did talk", and she then expressed a desire to know whether the Government planned to bring ALVIN KARPIS to Little Rock to testify against the Hot Springs crowd. Agent CALHOUN stated to her that he did not know the intention of the Government but that the Government would take all steps necessary to convict persons who it thought ought to be convicted. It is not known by the Little Rock Field Office whether the attitude of Mrs. McLAUGHLIN is extreme curiosity or whether she is on good terms with her ex-husband and might have been securing information for him. Mrs. McLAUGHLIN had the impression that the Government intended to bring ALVIN KARPIS back to Little Rock to testify and if she is in touch with her husband it is not believed that he will gain any comfort from that possibility.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN stated that VERNE LEDGERWOOD, who is a brother-in-law to former Chief of Police JOE WAKELIN, one of the indicted persons, is extremely anxious to have WAKELIN acquitted in this case and that he will stop at nothing to accomplish his purpose.

On August 18, 1938, when Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN was at the Federal Building on official business, United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG advised him confidentially

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that he had heard that on the Friday before the primary election held in Little Rock, Arkansas, August 9, 1938, HOMER ADKINS, Collector of Internal Revenue, had had a meeting with VERNE LEDGERWOOD, one of the ring leaders of the Hot Springs crowd, and that he, Mr. ISGRIG, understood that a bargain was made whereby the Hot Springs crowd would deliver the vote of Garland County to Mrs. HATTIE W. CARAWAY, candidate, United States Senate, and that Mr. ISGRIG would be "put out" as United States Attorney. Mr. ISGRIG stated at the time to Agent CALHOUN that he was not worried at the prospect of losing out as United States Attorney inasmuch as he had earned \$15,000.00 a year in the practice of law for a number of years, but that he would be very reluctant to step out and allow some person not familiar with the circumstances and pliable to the wishes of the Hot Springs mob to handle this case and thereby allow the persons indicted to be acquitted.

On August 18, 1938, Assistant United States Attorney LEON B. CATLETT informed Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER of the Little Rock Field Division that he expected the trial of this case to be had at Little Rock, Arkansas, about the first of November, 1938. Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY has requested to be advised at the earliest possible moment of the probable date of the trial of this case.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER, *JRF*
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati
Inspector E. J. Connelley

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REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-27, 29-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY IN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

CLAY WATT, informant, Hot Springs, Arkansas, states that around first part of July, 1938, he received information that former Chief of Police WAKELIN, City Judge VERNE LEDGEWOOD, City Attorney SONNY DAVIES, RICHARD RYAN, an attorney and "fixer" in Hot Springs, and two attorneys from Little Rock met in some office in the Arkansas National Bank Building in Hot Springs, and are purported to have discussed defense of instant case, and WAKELIN is said to have remarked that "they were going to see some witnesses". WATT also informs that defendants in this case are supposed to be trying to raise \$50,000.00 to "fix" the case in Little Rock, and that there is a considerable amount of rumors in Hot Springs to the effect that the United States District Judge and the United States Attorney in Little Rock will be "fixed". CECIL BROCK reported to have gone to Texas to "fix" witnesses against DUTCH AKERS in the case involving "SONNY" LAMB. WESLEY TAYLOR, Hot Springs, has no information of value. WILLIE WILLIAMS, ex-police officer, Hot Springs, advises that in January, 1936, he saw GRACE GOLDSTEIN, DUTCH AKERS and JOE WAKELIN come out of IEO P. McLAUGHLIN'S office after an apparent conference there; also that JOE SCOTT, ex-police officer at Hot Springs, had said that when SCOTT

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and WILLIAMS were both on the police force it was against orders to arrest KARPIS in Hot Springs. CLARENCE GEORGE, Black and White Taxi Cab Company in Hot Springs, has no information that KARPIS was staying at GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place on Palm Street. FLOYD HOUSE states he did not know KARPIS and did not work for him as a house boy or chauffeur. CLARA SHANNON, a medium in Hot Springs, advised that GRACE GOLDSTEIN told her that KARPIS had been tipped off prior to the raid at Lake Hamilton; that KARPIS had presented a letter to the Police Officers at Hot Springs after he had been there approximately a year and also that GRACE GOLDSTEIN and JOE WAKELIN had been "sweethearts" for at least two years. BERT BAILEY, truck driver, has no first hand information of value in connection with instant investigation.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated July 25, 1938.
Letter from Richmond Office dated June 18, 1938.
Bureau letter dated June 3, 1938.
Report of Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 28, 1938.
Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 8, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Agent interviewed Mr. CLAY WATT, who operates the Edgemoor Club at Hot Springs, an informant of this office. Contact was had with Mr. WATT as suggested by him in his letter to the Bureau of July 19, 1938, and as suggested by Bureau letter of reference. Agent contacted him as a representative of the Bureau rather than as an employee of the Little Rock Field Division.

WATT advised Agent that he had been operating the Edgemoor Club at Hot Springs for sometime, and that at the present time he has a man living on his place by the name of REESE, first name unrecalled; that REESE formerly operated the Market Street Garage in Hot Springs and was a dope addict, and had gone to the United States Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky in an effort to cure himself of this habit; that

REESE HAD recently returned to Hot Springs and was broke and WATT let REESE stay with him at the Edgemoor Club; further that REESE was well acquainted with the defendants in the instant case and had considerable information as to what was going on, and was still very friendly with the defendants.

WATT stated that recently REESE had told him that around the middle of June, 1938, either on Sunday, June 26th, or the Sunday a week earlier, ex-Chief of Police JOE WAKELIN and REESE had planned to go fishing; that they drove down town and JOE WAKELIN went into the Arkansas National Bank Building and returned shortly thereafter and told REESE that City Judge VERNE LEDGEWOOD, City Attorney SONNY DAVIES, RICHARD RYAN and two lawyers from Little Rock were having a meeting to discuss the instant case, and that he, WAKELIN, would be tied up for some time, and would see REESE later in the afternoon. REESE then told WATT that he saw WAKELIN later in the afternoon, at which time WAKELIN said that he was still busy, and that "they", not mentioning any names, were going out to see some witnesses in connection with the case which the Federal Government had against them, and that he, WAKELIN, would be tied up for the rest of the day.

WATT further explained that Mayor LEO P. McLAUGHLIN of Hot Springs, has his office in the Arkansas National Bank Building; although REESE did not state that this meeting was held in McLAUGHLIN'S office. WATT also advised that RICHARD RYAN is an attorney in Hot Springs, and is known to be a "fixer" in that city. The names of the two Little Rock Attorneys were not given to REESE.

Subsequent to the above REESE advised that he had later seen JOE WAKELIN and that WAKELIN had told him that the defendants in this case were attempting to raise \$50,000.00 in order to fix the United States District Judge and United States Attorney in Little Rock, and that WAKELIN had spoken of them as that new Jew Judge and Jew United States Attorney in Little Rock. According to the information given by REESE, DUTCH AKERS was reported to have raised his part of the \$50,000.00 and GRACE GOLDSTEIN and Mrs. DYER were likewise reported to have raised their part; that WAKELIN has raised about \$4,000.00 and that CECIL BROCK and the rest of the defendants had so far contributed nothing. He also stated that CECIL BROCK and JOE WAKELIN were very hard pressed to raise their part of the money, and that REESE had told him that on one night a short time ago he had driven in a car with CECIL BROCK and JOE WAKELIN to the business district of Hot Springs and BROCK and WAKELIN had told REESE THAT they were going to rob the safe at the Western Union Office, as they had received information that this safe contained \$4,000.00 in cash on this particular night. REESE reported that he had sat out in the car in front of the Western Union Office parked across the street and that he was instructed by WAKELIN and BROCK to signal them with a flash light should one of the Federal policemen pass by;

that he heard BROCK and WAKELIN pounding on the safe in the rear of the Western Union Office and later they came out and got in the car and all three of them left and subsequently let REESE out of the automobile; that REESE saw WAKELIN and BROCK the following day and asked them how much money they got and they advised that they had been unable to break the safe open and had got nothing. WATT further advised that he had received information, the source of which he has forgotten, to the effect that an attempt had been made to burglarize the safe in the Western Union Office in Hot Springs.

WATT also advised that there is a great deal of talk which is unsubstantiated in Hot Springs to the effect that the defendants in instant case are going to fix the United States Attorney and United States District Judge at Little Rock, and will not have to serve any prison sentences in connection with this prosecution.

According to WATT, WAKELIN is supposed to have told REESE that if it were not for VERNE LEDGEWOOD, he would tell plenty on Mayor LEO McLAUGHLIN. WATT also advised that JOE SCOTT, who was implicated with the other officers of the Hot Springs Police Department at the time a prisoner was killed, and who was subsequently discharged from the Hot Springs Police Department, had been promised that he would be taken care of by the higher ups in Hot Springs, but that SCOTT had not been taken care of and was presently doing some collecting work in Hot Springs in an effort to make a living, and WATT believed that it was possible that SCOTT might be approached and supply some information in connection with this case.

WATT stated that he has a "bouncer" at his night club by the name of RED CROFT, whom he employs in order to keep in good standing with the Hot Springs Police Department, and that RED CROFT told him that recently he was riding in a car with ARCH COOPER and that ARCH COOPER drove to the home of Mayor LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, at which time COOPER told McLAUGHLIN that "the other boys were in a bad jam and it was up to LEO to help them out; that he had fallen down on them before and that either he was going to do something in this case, or that he was going to be bumped off", after which COOPER and RED CROFT drove off.

WATT also advised that he received some information which was unsubstantiated to the effect that CECIL BROCK was reported to have gone to Beaumont, Texas, to take care of two prisoners who are incarcerated in the Texas State Penitentiary, and who are supposed to be witnesses against DUTCH AKERS in the case implicating him in the harboring of "SONNY" LAMB. WATT advised that his information was to the effect that BROCK was to either "fix" these two witnesses, or as an alternative to arrange to have them killed in order that they could not return to Arkansas to testify in the "SONNY" LAMB case.

WATT promised to continue his cooperation with the Little Rock Field Division and said that he would immediately notify this office of any information which he obtained which he felt would be of value. He stated that in view of the fact that REESE is a very good friend of JOE WAKELIN, he would have to be careful in the manner in which he approached REESE in order that the latter would not be suspicious that he, WATT, was endeavoring to obtain information as to the activities of WAKELIN and the other defendants in this case.

Agent interviewed Mr. WESLEY TAYLOR, 306 Beard Street, who advised that GRAY WRIGHT who runs a filling station on Park Avenue in Hot Springs, and who holds a Deputy Sheriff's commission in Hot Springs, had told TAYLOR that members of the Sheriff's Office were getting plenty of "cut" in Hot Springs, and remarked that they had recently spent \$18,000.00. He stated that W. R. DANNING, who runs a furniture store in Hot Springs, is supposed to be a mouth piece for the Sheriff's Office. TAYLOR, however, had no information of interest or value in connection with the instant case.

Agent interviewed Mr. WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirt Street, who advised through informant ARTHUR JEFFERSON that he desired to see an Agent of this office. WILLIAMS advised that he was formerly a police officer on the Hot Springs Police Department, working part time when other members of the Department were sick or on vacation, and that he was at the Police Department at the time JOHN DIXON was killed there, and that he resigned the following day and became the star witness for the State in connection with the trial of the officers at Hot Springs for this killing.

He advised that he had previously been interviewed by Agents from this Bureau but had failed to give a piece of information which he thought might be of value. He stated that about January 19, 1936, he was in the office of Mayor LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, as he wanted McLAUGHLIN to sign a recommendation for him to obtain a job; that while he was waiting in the anteroom of McLAUGHLIN'S office, he saw DUTCH AKERS and JOE WAKELIN come out of the office, and about three minutes later GRACE GOLDSTEIN followed them, and it was apparent the three of them had been in WAKELIN'S office for some sort of a conference. He stated that he did not hear any of the conversation which took place and had no information as to whether or not KARPIS' name had been mentioned.

WILLIAMS also advised that when he first went to work for the Hot Springs Police Department he had been advised by JOE SCOTT, ARCH COOPER and BOB MOORE, all ex-police officers, who were on the police force at the time that he was not to arrest any suspicious strangers in Hot Springs without first consulting them, and that JOE SCOTT had told him there were certain parties in Hot Springs who

were their friends and whom they did not want arrested. WILLIAMS stated that shortly after he went to work for the Hot Springs Police Department, he heard rumors to the effect that KARPIS was in town, and he went to SCOTT and asked SCOTT why KARPIS was not arrested and SCOTT replied that "that was against orders", presumably referring to orders from either JOE WAKELIN or DUTCH AKERS. WILLIAMS also stated that he understood that JOE SCOTT had remarked to Mr. HOUSLEY or Mr. MOORE, who operate a dry goods store in Hot Springs that the reason that he had not arrested KARPIS while the latter was in Hot Springs, was because he did not want to have to shoot KARPIS.

Mr. T. M. MOORE was subsequently interviewed by Agent at the HOUSLEY and MOORE Dry Goods Store, 821 Hobson Avenue, at which time he advised that the only remark that JOE SCOTT had made to him concerning KARPIS was that the police at Hot Springs had just missed KARPIS by about five minutes and that he sure would liked to have had part of the reward offered for KARPIS' apprehension.

WILLIAMS also stated that he understood that Mr. FREEMAN, who operates a hardware store on Hobson Avenue, had said that he understands that LEO McLAUGHLIN and VERNE LEDGEWOOD received seventy per cent of the pay-off in Hot Springs.

Mr. J. I. FREEMAN was subsequently interviewed by Agent at his hardware store, 808 Hobson Avenue, at which time he had no definite information in this regard, and stated that it was general talk in Hot Springs that McLAUGHLIN and LEDGEWOOD were receiving plenty of money from the various gambling interests and criminal element of Hot Springs, but that he had no first hand information in this regard.

WILLIAMS also advised that LOUIS LYNCH, formerly a night watchman in Hot Springs, might possibly have some information of value. He advised that he did not know whether or not LYNCH was still in Hot Springs, but he would endeavor to ascertain this information and would advise an Agent when next called upon. He also stated that LOUIS HINKIE, who was formerly the jail janitor at Hot Springs, would undoubtedly have some information regarding the activities of WAKELIN and AKERS, and that at the DIXON trial it had been arranged to take HINKIE to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was claimed to be insane and was put in an institution in Little Rock for some time for observation, but that after the trial he was released and held to be sane. WILLIAMS advised that HINKIE is reported to be living in El Paso, Texas, at the present time, and he will likewise attempt to obtain HINKIE'S address, and will advise an Agent when next in Hot Springs.

Agent interviewed BRYAN DISMUKES of the Yellow Cab Company with reference to the information that he had given to Special Agent E. M. SUTTIER concerning the wreck one of the taxi drivers had with a car in front of GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place on Palm Street, which car

was supposed to contain ALVIN KARPIS. DISMUKES stated that the name of this taxi driver was CLARENCE GEORGE, who is presently employed by the Black and White Taxi Cab Company.

Agent interviewed CLARENCE GEORGE, a driver for the Black and White Taxicab Company, who recalled the incident mentioned by DISMUKES, when a car containing two men ran into his cab in 1936, when he was parked in front of GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S place on Palm Street. He stated that he had gone to GRACE'S place on a call; that there was a car containing two men parked in front of the place at the time, and that after he stopped, these men started their car and ran into the door of his cab which was open at the time. He stated that they damaged the door of the cab, but did not stop and drove off down the street; that he started to climb back into his cab to chase them and GRACE GOLDSTEIN came out and said that the two men were all right and she would see that he was paid for the damage to his car. GEORGE stated that he did not get a good look at either of these individuals as the thing happened so suddenly, but photographs of KARPIS and HUNTER were exhibited to him and he stated that the photograph of KARPIS somewhat resembled one of the men in the car, and he was positive that one of these men was wearing glasses at the time. He was not positive in his identification and stated that the photograph of HUNTER looked entirely unfamiliar. He stated that these men were driving a gray Chevrolet Sedan at the time of the accident.

Agent interviewed FLOYD HOUSE, who is employed at Rogers Brothers Landing on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs. Photographs of the various subjects in this case were exhibited to him without any identification being effected, except as to the picture of GRACE GOLDSTEIN, whom he stated he thought he had seen on the streets of Hot Springs, and he also stated that he believed that he had seen KARPIS' dog in Hot Springs. He advised that he had never worked as a house boy or chauffeur for anyone except for Mr. CHARLES KRUSE, who made and distributed KRUSE'S Horseradish in Hot Springs. He stated that he had worked at Barney's Boat Landing on Lake Catherine in 1936, taking care of boats, and that he had worked at Rogers Brothers Landing in 1937 or 1938. He stated that during that time he had, of course, seen a great number of people who had come to go fishing on Lake Catherine, but he did not recall any one who resembled the photograph of KARPIS and he was positive that he had never acted as a house boy or chauffeur for KARPIS.

In line with Bureau letter of June 3, 1938, enclosing an anonymous communication concerning CLARA SHANNON, a fortune teller at Hot Springs, Agent interviewed Mrs. SHANNON at the North Central Rooms, 132½ Central Street. Mrs. SHANNON advised that GRACE GOLDSTEIN

had come to her on a number of occasions for readings and that subsequent to the arrest of KARPIS, GRACE GOLDSTEIN had again come to her for readings, at which time GRACE had told her that she had been married to KARPIS, and also that after KARPIS had been in Hot Springs for about a year, he had some letters which he took to the Chief of Police, JOE WAKELIN and DUTCH AKERS, and that they had fixed KARPIS up with a hide-out in Hot Springs. She also told Mrs. SHANNON that KARPIS had been tipped off prior to the raid at Lake Hamilton. GRACE also told her that she and JOE WAKELIN had been "sweethearts" for over two years and that she was very worried over the trouble which WAKELIN had gotten into. GRACE is also supposed to have told Mrs. SHANNON that she had been leaving Hot Springs with JOE WAKELIN on trips at various times, when WAKELIN was supposed to have left town on business. She stated that GRACE GOLDSTEIN had never told her anything about IEO P. McLAUGHLIN, but that she knew through an employee, whose name she refused to disclose, at the Arkansas National Bank, that IEO P. McLAUGHLIN during the last three or four years had kept three or four safety deposit boxes there, and that he had put these boxes in the name of his mother and his sister, IRENE, and that the girl who worked at the Arkansas National Bank had told Mrs. SHANNON that these boxes were full of \$1,000.00 bills; also that Mayor McLAUGHLIN kept safety deposit boxes both at Saint Louis, Missouri, and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. SHANNON stated that she had not seen GRACE GOLDSTEIN recently, but that she felt that GRACE would probably call upon her again in the near future, and in such event she would endeavor to obtain additional information from GRACE which would be of value in connection with the instant investigation. Mrs. SHANNON appeared to be cooperative and it is believed that she will endeavor to fulfill her promises in this regard.

Agent telephonically contacted Mr. BERT BAILEY, a truck driver for the Sigman Oil Company, Gulf Distributor at Hot Springs, and arranged a meeting with him on the streets of Hot Springs.

Upon interview Mr. BAILEY advised that conditions had been very bad in Hot Springs for a number of years and that the town was under the control of Mayor IEO P. McLAUGHLIN and other politicians and gamblers in the City. Mr. BAILEY advised that he was very interested in the investigation performed by this Bureau and it was his earnest desire to see the defendants convicted, but he had no first hand information concerning the instant violation. He further stated that there were rumors in Hot Springs to the effect that the defendants in this case were planning on "fixing" the same at Little Rock, but he was unable to substantiate these statements and could

not advise the source of this information. He promised his cooperation in this matter and stated he would notify the Little Rock Field Division should he obtain any information which he believed might be of value in connection with this investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Morrilton, Arkansas, will locate and interview ROBERT SCARBOROUGH, as suggested in the memorandum of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN dated June 8, 1938.

At Nashville, Arkansas, will interview EARL PENNINGTON as suggested in the above memorandum of Agent SULLIVAN.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, will again contact WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirk Street, with reference to the address of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH in order that they may be interviewed for any information which they may have in connection with the instant case.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, will follow and report the prosecutive action in this case.

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August 23, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DOCTOR
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING; HARBORING.

For your information, a confidential informant of this Bureau advised that Joe Wakelin, together with City Judge Verne Lodge, City Attorney "Sonny" Davis, Richard Ryan, all of Hot Springs, and two other lawyers from Little Rock, whose names are unknown, held a conference sometime during June of (this year), at which time they decided they were going to see some of the witnesses in connection with this case, which involves harboring charges now pending at Little Rock, Arkansas. He also advised that Richard Ryan, an attorney at Hot Springs, is known to be a "fixer" in that city. It was further learned from this confidential informant that the defendants in this case were attempting to raise \$50,000 in order to "fix" the United States District Judge and the United States Attorney in Little Rock, and Wakelin referred to these individuals as "that new Jew Judge and Jew United States Attorney in Little Rock."

"According to the information obtained, "Dutch" Akers was reported to have raised his part of the \$50,000 and Grace Goldstein and Mrs. Dyer were likewise reported to have raised their part of the money. Wakelin was reported to have raised \$4,000 and Cecil Brock and the rest of the defendants have so far contributed nothing."

This Bureau has not conducted any investigation to ascertain the veracity of the above information. In the event any further information concerning any attempt to bribe the United States Attorney and the United States District Judge at Little Rock or any of the witnesses in this case is brought to the attention of the Bureau, it will be accordingly furnished to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
August 24, 1938

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letters from the Little Rock Office to the Director dated August 15, 1938, and August 18, 1938, concerning conversations had between Mrs. LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, the former wife of the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN of the Little Rock Field Division.

On August 13, 1938, Mr. P. A. LASLIE, 512 Pyramid Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, an attorney who represented Mrs. McLAUGHLIN at the time of her divorce proceedings against her husband, was interviewed by Special Agent N. H. McCABE, and furnished the following information.

Mr. LASLIE advised that he had heard a rumor to the effect that HOMER ADKINS, Collector of Internal Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, had made an agreement with LEO P. McLAUGHLIN and VERNE LEDGERWOOD of Hot Springs, Arkansas, that if Garland County votes in the recent primary were delivered to Mrs. HATTIE W. CARAWAY, that steps would be taken to have Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG removed as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, to be replaced by Mr. SAM ROEX, now General Counsel for the Home Owners Loan Corporation at Little Rock, Arkansas; the understanding being that Mr. ROEX as United States Attorney would be more

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agreeable to the lightening of things for the men in Hot Springs presently under indictment in this case.

Mr. LASLIE could furnish no further information in this regard and could offer no suggestions as to how this information could be verified.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

I want to call your attention to the fact that on August 13, 1938, Mr. P. A. Laslie, 512 Pyramid Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, an attorney who represented Mrs. Leo P. McLaughlin at the time of her divorce proceedings against her husband, Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin of Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised that he had heard a rumor to the effect that Homer Adkins, Collector of Internal Revenue, Little Rock, had made an agreement with Leo P. McLaughlin and Verne Ledgerwood of Hot Springs that if Garland County votes in the recent primary were delivered to Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, steps would be taken to have Mr. Fred A. Isgrig removed as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, to be replaced by Mr. Sam Rorex, now General Counsel for the Home Owners Loan Corporation at Little Rock, Arkansas, the understanding being that Mr. Rorex as United States Attorney would be more agreeable to the lightening of things for the individuals in Hot Springs presently under indictment in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

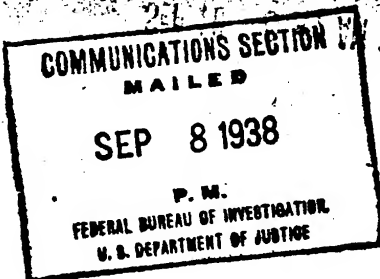
Mr. Laslie could furnish no further information in this regard and could offer no suggestions as to how this information could be verified.

Very truly yours,

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August 28, 1938

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SAC Andersen telephoned from Little Rock stating he had received a telephone call from Dutch Akers at Benton, Arkansas, requesting that he, Andersen, meet him at Benton as he has information he desires to furnish. Mr. Andersen stated he told Akers that he would have to make appropriate arrangements and would call him back later, thereby not committing himself. Mr. Andersen indicated he was not acquainted with the Bureau's policy in dealing with Akers and wanted to be advised whether he should meet Akers. Mr. Andersen further advised he has received a letter from the Bureau indicating that Buchalter might be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he wondered if possibly Akers might be trying to "trade" some information.

I told Mr. Andersen I could see no harm in talking to Akers, but he should be very circumspect in dealing with him, making no promises of any kind to Akers. I also told Andersen that he should try to get Akers to come to the office or to Little Rock at least for the interview.

Andersen stated he will call Akers back and arrange to meet him.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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Post Office Box # 1409
Little Rock, Arkansas
August 26, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: FURDRESS.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. R. CAL-
HOUN, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 26, 1938.

This report indicates that officials of the National Park
Service, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, had been doubtful of the reli-
ability of CHARLIE ROCKAFELLOW, owner of the Rockafellow Bath and
Hotel, at Hot Springs. Mr. ROCKAFELLOW was alleged to be a "pay-
off" man for the Hot Springs political crowd.

There is enclosed a clipping taken from the Arkansas
Democrat, August 24, 1938, showing the death of Mr. CHARLES ROCK-
AFELLOW, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A copy of this letter is being furnished Inspector E. J.
CONNELLEY for his information in the BREKID case, and a copy is
being placed in the Little Rock file for the BREKID case.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge

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L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-31-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-31-38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. CALHOUN fw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">RECEIVED DIVISION ONE SEP 2 1938 L.R. 7-2</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Information received from Hot Springs, Arkansas, that C. J. SPENCER, a bondsman for CECIL BROCK in instant case, had died. United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, states no additional bondsman was needed as the bonds of this individual would be good against his estate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, May 24, 1938.</p> <p>On the morning of August 31, 1938, Mr. C. FLOYD HUFF, former United States Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephoned the Little Rock Field Division and advised that C. J. SPENCER, who had gone on one or more bonds for defendants in this case, had died. Mr. HUFF suggested that an additional bondsman might be needed in place of SPENCER.</p> <p>The Arkansas Gazette on August 31, 1938, carried a story to the effect that CLAUD J. SPENCER, age 56, had died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the previous day.</p> <p>On page nineteen of the report of reference of Special Agent SULLIVAN is listed the various bondsmen for the several defendants in this case and it is noted that C. J. SPENCER is listed on one bond only, that being for Defendant CECIL BROCK.</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG, Little Rock, Arkansas, was advised of the death of C. J. SPENCER and Mr. ISGRIG stated, in his opinion, it would not be necessary to secure an additional bondsman inasmuch as the bond of SPENCER obligated his estate, and that the estate could not be closed out within one year under the Arkansas Law. Mr. ISGRIG stated that it was his belief that CECIL BROCK would not attempt to run away.

Mr. ISGRIG stated that it is planned to have the trial of the defendants in this case on the harboring charge at the Fall Term of Court, possibly about the first of November, 1938.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION AT MORRILTON, ARKANSAS, will locate and interview ROBERT SCARBOROUGH, as suggested in the memorandum of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN dated June 8, 1938.

* AT NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS, will interview EARL PENNINGTON as suggested in the above memorandum of Agent SULLIVAN.

* AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, will again contact WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirk Street, with reference to the address of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH in order that they may be interviewed for any information which they may have in connection with the instant case.

* AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, will follow and report the prosecutive action in this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 9-9-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-8-38	REPORT MADE BY F. J. BLAKE.
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.# 1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JACK PURNELL is alleged to have stated that H. CLEMENTS drove KARPIS and companions from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Florida.			
R. U. C.			
DETAILS: ROGER C. SCHENK, an informant, addressed the following letter to the Dallas Division from El Paso, Texas.:			
		Room 211- St. Regis Hotel El Paso Texas 9-5-38	
Mr. Blake -			
Arrived in El Paso yesterday a.m. and contacted Mr. Purnell - (Jack Purnell - 114 San Francisco St. and Carlyle Hotel) just a few minutes ago-			
Mr. Purnell is ex - bro-in-law Clements (Hot Spgs. Ark), they having married sisters - Judging from the nature of the conver- sations I had with both Purnell and Clements, they are very vindictive towards each other, over property and insurance of Purnells deceased wife -			
Tonight, Purnell stated in substance:			
That he was sitting in the hotel when Clements talked over the 'phone with a party whom he, Clements said was "Lee" or "Leo" (Mr) Laughlin; that Laughlin wanted Clements to make			
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the trip to Florida; that Clements said he was to get \$1500 or \$1600.00 for the trip; that the party was comprised of Karpis and others; that he (Clements) gave the money to his wife to put away; that on being asked wouldn't he need some of it for expenses, stated "they are going to pay my expenses" -- That he (Purnell) heard Clements tell the party to whom he was talking, "I'll take them down in the new Cadillac, it is all gassed and Serviced", and that Clemens took his wife along on the trip -- that Clemens harbored and drove Karpis around Hot Spgs from time to time - that when Clemens was in Florida several days, they (Karpis et al) paid \$5.00 per day for Clemens hotel accommodations, and when Clemens left Florida for Arkansas, he was given an additional \$150.00 for expense money, but that Clemens stated that his expenses back were only \$47.00.

I told Purnell that I had heard from a bartender, in H Spgs that the gov't were trying to get or involve Clements in transporting Karpis, and it was then that he volunteered the above information. Further, that "they could find out plenty from that woman at the Hotteris as she would know about it and, judging from Purnell's rewards, doesn't like Clements too well, anyhow.

Whether or not Purnell would repeat the foregoing to one of your agents, I am not prepared to say - I only listened after I got him to talking - however, he is in the Travel Bureau Business, and it is believed that if he was picked up on interstate violation, he would sing plenty -- also, this is exactly the third time he has talked along these lines to me - August, 1936, Aug. 1938, and to night. Tonight is the first time that he has ever indicated the party was Karpis ---or went into details-- The Laughlin mentioned is the Mayor, I believe.--

I am leaving tomorrow nite for Los Angeles- will be in room 211 St. Regis Hotel if there is something else you want me to find out along these lines wire me and I will stay over - not trouble at all. Purnell also stated that M Laughlin was very much concerned over them taking Nash out of Ht Spgs apparently Purnell found this out through Clemens as Clemens and the Mayor were pretty thick -- The time element of all this was prior to June 1933 - or as the records would indicate when Clemens Cadillac "was a new car" --

Regards to Mr. Conner & best wishes to your self -

Sincerely

/s/ Roger C. Schenk

SCHENK is a gambler and was recently in Hot Springs, Arkansas for a few days and his name should not be mentioned except as necessary. No leads are being set out this being left to the discretion of the Little Rock Division.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

500 Reesor Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 9, 1938.

Mr. Fred A. Isgrig,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 7, 1938, in which you express your desire to have an investigation made of the jury panel to be called for the next term of Court at Little Rock, due to the importance of the pending trials of persons in Hot Springs charged with harboring ALVIN KARPIS.

Please be advised that I have communicated with the Bureau in Washington, setting forth your request and asking that authorization be given to have the investigation conducted if practicable.

Just as soon as I hear from Washington you will be notified.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On September 2, 1938 DELIA MAY PARKER, prostitute generally known as "GINGER", advised Special Agent C. O. PICKARD that she is presently confined in the John Gaston Hospital, Ward #4, Memphis, Tennessee, where she is suffering from Yellow Jaundice but she expects to be fully recovered from her illness prior to the time of the trials in this matter during October, 1938.

She stated that she wished to advise for the information of the Little Rock Office that her sister, VELDA MAY BURFORD, one of the witnesses in this case, has re-married her present name being Mrs. WALTER (VELDA MAY) SIZEMORE, and she resides at 917 South Third Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ex-Public Enemies Do Prison Laundry

By United Press

CLEVELAND—Alvin Karpis, no longer "Public Enemy No. 1," and his pal Harry Campbell, now are laundrymen on rocky Alcatraz, according to Frank Wiedemann, assistant U. S. attorney in Cleveland.

Campbell requested a transfer from the prison mat shop to the laundry, where Karpis works, and his request was granted, Wiedemann said he had been informed by Warden James A. Johnson.

Karpis' request for two volumes, "Salt Water Fishing" and "An American Angler in Australia" also was granted.

Wiedemann received this information to enable him to complete records about the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery in 1935.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 9, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On September 7, 1938, Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, informed me that the trial of this case will take place on October 18, 1938. He also informed me that he is preparing his list of witnesses and will probably desire to have Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY and some of the other Agents at Little Rock for conference purposes before the trial date.

During our conversation Mr. ISGRIG mentioned that he hoped to obtain a good jury and in connection therewith asked me whether it would be possible to investigate the jury panel. When I informed him that under authority from the Bureau such action could be taken, he wrote me a letter requesting that the investigation be made as soon as possible.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of having the jury panel investigated and authorize such action as it is deemed expedient. In order that a complete investigation of the panel might be made, it is requested that the Bureau's decision be furnished to this office either by telegram or by Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc E. J. Connelley, Inspector, &
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Memo Mr. Reenan 9-13-38 J.E.L.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

On September 7, 1938, Mr. Fred A. Isgrig, United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, requested that an investigation be conducted of the jury panel to be drawn in connection with the case involving a number of individuals including former police officials of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the harboring of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Isgrig informs that the trial of this case will take place on October 18, 1938.

I would appreciate receiving your instructions relative to this suggested investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOSEPH B. KEENAN
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

September 15, 1938

Mr. Tolson.....
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Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This will acknowledge your memorandum of September 13 with reference to the request of the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, for an investigation of the jury panel to be drawn in connection with the case involving a number of individuals including former police officials of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

Please conduct this investigation in accordance with Mr. Isgrig's request.

Joseph B. Keenan
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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September 21, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

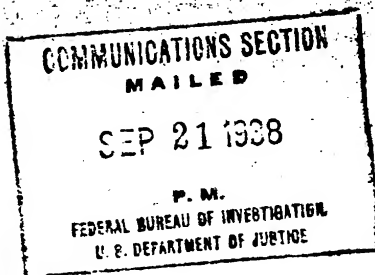
Reference is made to your letter dated September 9, 1938, setting forth the desires of the United States Attorney for the investigation of the jury panel to be drawn in connection with the harboring investigation of Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This is in confirmation of Bureau telegram dated September 21, 1938, to the effect that the Department authorized the investigation of the jury panel to be drawn in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Transmit the following message to: LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BREMID. INVESTIGATION/JURY PANEL MENTIONED YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER NINTH LAST
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NATHAN

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 Mr. Nathan.....
 Mr. C. A. Tamm.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
 Mr. Coffey.....
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REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 9-21-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-31, 9-13, 19-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELEY
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In signed statement, EARL PENNINGTON, Nashville, Arkansas, states that he delivered either the Arkansas Gazette or the Hot Springs Sentinel Record to JOHN STOVER during the entire years of 1935 and 1936. ROBERT SCARBOROUGH, former employee of STOVER, fails to identify photographs of persons involved in instant investigation.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 31, 1938.

DETAILS:

Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER was unsuccessful in his efforts to locate EARL PENNINGTON at Nashville, Arkansas, but arranged to have PENNINGTON call at the Little Rock Field Division when he was next in that city. PENNINGTON subsequently called at the Little Rock Office at which time he was interviewed by the writer and the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the Little Rock Bureau file at present, was obtained from him:

"Little Rock, Ark.
September 13, 1938.

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"I, EARL PENNINGTON, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agent W. F. WHITELEY of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, knowing that anything I say may be used in court.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Anderson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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	ONE STAT SECT.	

"During the years 1935 and 1936 I was employed by the newspaper, The Arkansas Gazette, having a contract with them to deliver papers. I covered the suburban section of Hot Springs among several other sections."

"During 1935 and 1936 Mr. JOHN STOVER, who manages the Hot Springs Airport, was one of my customers. I cannot say that STOVER took the Gazette during this entire time as there were times when he subscribed to the Hot Springs Sentinel Record. However during the time the STOVER would take the Sentinel Record, I would leave the Gazette at the airport for JIMMIE BROWN, a mechanic at the airport and STOVER would pay for both papers."

"My father, CECIL PENNINGTON really had the Sentinel Record route but I did the delivering at the airport for him."

"I can say that during 1935 and 1936 there was always one or the other of the two papers delivered to STOVER and do not believe that there were ever any days skipped."

"The above statement which I have read, is all true to the best of my knowledge."

/s/ Earle Pennington

Witness:

W. F. Whitely, Special Agent
F. B. I., Little Rock.

PENNINGTON advised that his present address is Box 244, Nashville, Arkansas; that he is presently employed by the Film Transit Company, Memphis, Tennessee, but that he also has a contract with the Arkansas Gazette to deliver papers for them. He was advised that he would possibly be called as a witness in the instant case and advised that he would be willing to testify as set forth in the signed statement.

Agent interviewed ROBERT SCARBOROUGH at the N.Y.A. School located near Solgohatchie, Arkansas. He stated that he worked for JOHN STOVER at the Airport in 1933, 1934, and quit sometime in February, 1935. He advised that his information concerning ALVIN KARPIS and HUNTER was limited to what he read in the newspapers and that STOVER had never mentioned these men to him. Photographs of HUNTER, KARPIS, GRACE GOLDSTEIN, CONNIE MORRIS, and KARPIS' dog were exhibited to him and he stated that to his knowledge, he had never seen any of these parties. He further advised that he was at the Airport on numerous occasions after quitting work there, but that he was usually back in the shops and hangars talking to some of the employees and that he did not have a chance to observe various of the customers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, will again contact WILLIE WILLIAMS 112 Kirk Street, with reference to the address of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH in order that they may be interviewed for any information which they may have in connection with the instant case.

* AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, will follow and report the prosecutive action in this case.

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FBI LITTLE ROCK 9-27-38 2-35PM IN

DIRECTOR

BREKID. USM HERE HAS SUBPOENA FOR JOHN BROCK AS WITNESS IN TRIAL
THIS CASE AT LITTLE ROCK, OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH. OKLAHOMA CITY
DIVISION HAS DETERMINED THAT BROCK PRESENTLY BEING HIDDEN OUT BY
POST OFFICE INSPECTORS PENDING TESTIMONY IN FEDERAL COURT, TULSA,
OKLAHOMA, EARLY NEXT MONTH. INSPECTORS DO NOT DESIRE TO HAVE USM
KNOW OF BROCK'S WHEREABOUTS AND SUGGEST THAT SUBPOENA BE SERVED BY
BUREAU AGENT. ADVISE WHETHER AUTHORITY GRANTED.

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Alvin Karpis*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1938

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

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BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED BUREAU AGENT SERVE SUBPOENAJOHN BROCK

HAROLD NATHAN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1938

Time - 1:35 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called the Oklahoma City Office, spoke with Agent Fierstone and advised him in connection with the letter Agent Frank Smith wrote to the Bureau relative to the letter he received from "Dutch" Akers to the effect that he, Akers, wanted to come to Oklahoma City and see him this week about a matter. I told Agent Fierstone that Agent Smith's letter was dated September 23, 1938, and was in the form of an inquiry to the Bureau as to what disposition should be made of Akers' request.

I stated that Akers is in a position to furnish a great deal of information if he is so inclined, but that since he is a notorious liar and crook, he could embarrass the Bureau considerably if, after talking with Agent Smith, he misquoted him in the trial he, Akers, is to undergo in Hot Springs, Arkansas, next month for harboring charges. I pointed out to Mr. Fierstone that, in view of these circumstances, it is the Bureau's opinion that it would be well for Agent Smith to interview Akers preferably at the Oklahoma City Office providing Akers will agree to go to the office to see Smith. I told Agent Fierstone that if Akers refuses to present himself at the Oklahoma City Office, a room should be engaged at one of the local hotels for that purpose.

I instructed that in either event, whether the contact is made at the office or a hotel, the room used for the meeting should be wired for listening equipment so that a stenographer could record the entire conversation, in order that the Bureau could be in a position to properly refute any mis-statement that Akers might make after his conversation with Agent Smith.

Mr. Fierstone was advised that the Bureau is unwilling to incur any expense in connection with Akers' proceeding to Oklahoma City; and that the Bureau has no alternative to suggest in the event Akers refuses to go to that city for the interview with Agent Smith.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

September 27, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Subpoenae were received today from the United States Marshal at Little Rock, Arkansas, calling for the presence of the following Bureau employees in the trial of the above entitled case at 10:00 A. M., October 17, 1938.

Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, United States Attorney, was contacted after receipt of the subpoenae and advised that all of these employees are necessary witnesses. He requested that Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agents D. P. SULLIVAN and JOHN L. MADALA report to him at Little Rock the week preceding, that is Monday, October 10, 1938, to confer with him and assist in lining up the details of the case for trial.

Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge RUFUS COULTER
Special Agent B. L. DAMRON
Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN
Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA
Special Agent HENRY A. SNOW
Special Agent R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent L. M. CHIPMAN
Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH
Special Agent B. M. SUTTLER

Copies of this communication are being furnished to offices in which the above named employees are assigned, with the request that they advise the Little Rock Field Division that the employees will be available at Little Rock on the dates indicated above. This information is desired by the United States Attorney.

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Yes
The Bureau is asked to consider Mr. ISGRIG'S request and to advise the Little Rock Office whether the three employees named above will be present at Little Rock for conference with the United States Attorney on Monday, October 10, 1938.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

HEA:IN

cc Inspector E. J. Connelley
New Orleans
Des Moines
Cincinnati
El Paso
Newark
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 4236

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10/3 1938.

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 _____ Mr. Nathan
 _____ Mr. Clegg
 _____ Mr. E. A. Tamm
 _____ Mr. Foxworth
 _____ Mr. Egan
 _____ Mr. Glavin
 _____ Miss Gandy
 _____ Mr.
 _____ Miss

_____ Mr. Coffey
 _____ Mr. Crowl
 _____ Mr. Lester
 _____ Mr. Naughten
 _____ Mr. Renneberger
 _____ Mr. Quinn Tamm
 _____ Mr. Tracy
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 _____ Mail Room
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J.B. Nichols
 L. B. Nichols.

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United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPENA

THE UNITED STATES

vs.

U.S. Attorney.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

Received this writ at on
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and left a true copy thereof, with the person named above.

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U.S. Marshal.

By Deputy.

District Court of the United States of America

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To Earl J. Connelley, Inspector, L.M. Chipman, Special Agent in Charge,
Frank B. Smith, B. M. Suttler, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of
Investigation, Little Rock, Arkansas.

7-576-3-411
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all and singular your business and excuses, you be and appear in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern Dist. of Arkansas at the Courthouse, in the city of Little Rock, in said district, on the 17th day of October A.D. 1935 at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or of the District Attorney.

Hereof fail not, under penalty of whatever may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable Thomas O. Trimble

Judge
of said District Court of the United States, this 19th day of September, A.D. 1935, and in the 163rd year
of the Independence of the United States of America.

SID B. REDDING

By

7-1473

Donovan H. Brooke
Clerk.
Deputy Clerk.

October 3, 1938

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AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear Sir:

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 27, 1938, setting forth the names of the individuals to be present in connection with the trial of the above entitled matter at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938.

Inspector E. J. Connelley, Special Agent at the

The Bureau authorizes Inspector E. J. Connelley, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala to be present at the office of the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, the week preceding the date of the trial, that is Monday, October 10, 1938.

Copies of this letter are being transmitted air mail to the respective offices in which these three individuals are presently located and this is their authorization for them to comply with the wishes of the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, that they be present at his office on October 10, 1938.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

(To Mr. E. J. Connelley)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

For your information, the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, has requested that the following individuals be present at his office at about 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938, in connection with the harboring investigation arising out of the above entitled matter at Hot Springs, Arkansas:

L. W. Chipman
Pufus Coulter
B. L. Darron
Chapman Fletcher
R. L. Shivers
Frank S. Smith
Henry A. Snow
E. J. Wynn

Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the respective offices in which the above named individuals are presently located and it is the Bureau's instructions that you arrange to have these individuals comply with the wishes of the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, in order that they may be present at his office at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

cc Seattle
Aberdeen
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(Mr. Connelley)

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Memphis, Tennessee,
September 28, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

DELLA MAY PARKER, who was referred to in letter from this office to you dated September 11, 1938, telephoned the Memphis Field Office on September 26, 1938 and advised that when she was in Little Rock for the Grand Jury on September 16, 1938 she was served with a subpoena ordering her presence in Little Rock on October 31, 1938. She further stated that on September 19, 1938, a subpoena was left at her residence ordering her presence at Little Rock on October 17, 1938. She requested that she be advised as to which subpoena was correct. It is respectfully requested that you advise this office which of the two subpoenas DELLA MAY PARKER should answer.

DELLA MAY PARKER is now residing at the Monroe Hotel, 73 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, telephone 6-9675 and she states that she will be able to answer a subpoena whenever her presence is desired.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge.

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LITTLE ROCK ARK 558 P SEPT 29, 1938

Director

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BREKID IN CONNECTION INVESTIGATION JURY PANEL REQUEST AUTHORITY OBTAIN
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ANDERSEN

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED EXPEND FIFTY DOLLARS FOR REPORTJURY PANEL

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Mr. Tolson
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:JHR United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 29, 1938.

Time-11:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Harboring Case;
Little Rock, Arkansas.

See

While talking to Mr. Connelley at Goldendale, Washington, I mentioned that the trial date in the above mentioned matter is October 18, 1938. This is the case in which a jury panel investigation has been requested of the Bureau.

E. A. TAMM

Edward W. Tamm

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Little Rock, Arkansas

September 28, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from the Little Rock Field Office to the Oklahoma City Field Office, under date of September 27, 1938, requesting that an endeavor be made to locate JOHN BROCK, in order that he might be subpoenaed to appear in the trial of this case at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 17, 1938.

On the afternoon of September 27, 1938, Special Agent RALPH P. HOOD called from Oklahoma City and advised that it had been determined that JOHN BROCK is being hidden out by Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa, Oklahoma, pending his appearance as a witness in a number of cases being handled by the Post Office Department. Agent HOOD informed me that the Post Office Inspectors did not desire the United States Marshal to know the whereabouts of BROCK, but would gladly produce him in order that he might be subpoenaed by an Agent of this Bureau.

In view of the foregoing, I telegraphed the Bureau and received authority to have a Bureau Agent serve the subpoena.

Accordingly this morning I obtained a subpoena for BROCK which is being enclosed herewith.

When the subpoena has been served, please advise me in order that the United States Attorney can be apprised of the action taken and that BROCK will be available as a witness.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau

Cincinnati, Inspector E. J. Connelley

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1938

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H. B. FLETCHER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

BREKID USM HERE HAS SUBPOENA FOR JOHN BROCK FOR TRIAL OCTOBER EIGHTEEN.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 28, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Confirming the telephone call of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD with you on September 27, 1938, please be advised that upon receipt of your telegram Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN contacted GEORGE HILL, Post Office Inspector, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is well acquainted with JOHN BROCK, at which time HILL informed Agent KINGMAN that he was using BROCK in a very secret and confidential matter involving violations of the Postal Laws which will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 4, 1938, at which time BROCK will be in MR. HILL'S office. He stated BROCK was not in Tulsa at this time. He also said that the matters being presented to the Grand Jury were of such a nature no subpoena had been issued for BROCK'S attendance and indicated he had been hiding BROCK for his protection for some time.

He requested that a subpoena for BROCK'S attendance at Little Rock, Arkansas, could be served by Agent KINGMAN and that the United States Marshal's office at Tulsa would know nothing of the same. He did not explain his reason for this, but stated if Agent would meet him, HILL, in his office on October 4, 1938, the subpoena could be served on BROCK, who would be present as a witness at Little Rock on October 18, 1938.

MR. HILL further stated that it might be necessary for BROCK to receive some protection from bodily harm when he went to Little Rock to testify. HILL made it very plain that BROCK would not be available for the service of a subpoena in any other way except that mentioned above, and that he could not be located prior to October 4th. Nothing further will be done in this matter until advice is received from you.

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Very truly yours,

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H. B. FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

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TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON BROCK IN OFFICE GEORGE HILL.

NATHAN

cc-Little Rock (Air Mail)

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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800 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
September 28, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to my letter of September 27, 1938, please be advised that additional subpoenas have been received from the United States Marshal at Little Rock, Arkansas, calling for the presence of the following Bureau employees in the trial of this case at 10:00 A. M., October 17, 1938. Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, United States Attorney, has informed me that these individuals are necessary witnesses:

Special Agent E. R. McINTIRE
Special Agent CHAMMON FLETCHER
Special Agent E. J. WYNN

The subpoena for Agent McINTIRE is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith, and subpoenas for Agents FLETCHER and WYNN are being sent with copies of this letter to the Aberdeen and Indianapolis Field Divisions respectively.

The Bureau and the Aberdeen and Indianapolis Field Divisions are requested to acknowledge receipt of this communication in order that the United States Attorney may be advised that the witnesses will be available at Little Rock.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY
Aberdeen
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Little Rock, Arkansas

September 30, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter
of September 28, 1938, you are advised that the
United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas,
desires DELIA MAY PARKER to appear at Little Rock,
for the trial of this case on October 17, 1938.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
September 30, 1938

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Mr. Fred A. Isgrig
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID.

Attention: Mr. Leon B. Catlett,
Ass't. U. S. Attorney.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged
of your letter under date of September 28,
1938, in which you request that the newspaper
reporter who interviewed former Chief of Police
JOSEPH WAKELIN with reference to an article
published in the Hot Springs New Era be inter-
viewed.

This is to advise that the
investigation requested will be made at an
early date.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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800 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
September 29, 1938

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Mr. Fred A. Isgrig
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID.

Attention: Mr. Leon B. Catlett,
Ass't. U. S. Attorney.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of September 28, 1938, in which you advise that in the trial of Herbert Akers, and others, it will be material to show that the "Hot Springs Sentinel Record" and "Hot Springs New Era" were subscribed for by and delivered daily to each of the defendants from March, 1934, to June, 1938.

Please be advised that the necessary investigation will be initiated in order that the information you desire will be available.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 3, 1938

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Foss
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Reference is made to letter from this office dated September 23, 1938, advising of the request of HERBERT AKERS, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, to interview Special Agent F. S. SMITH, and to telephone conversation with Mr. E. A. TAMM, of the Bureau, on October 2, 1938, advising that HERBERT AKERS had talked with Special Agent F. S. SMITH on that date.

There are being transmitted herewith three copies of memoranda prepared by Special Agents FRANK S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD covering the interview had with HERBERT AKERS. Two copies of these memoranda are also being furnished to the Little Rock Field Office so that such information as proper may be furnished the United States Attorney.

In accord with instructions of MR. E. A. TAMM, the San Antonio, Dallas and Little Rock Field Divisions were advised of the interview had with HERBERT AKERS.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

On October 2, 1938, "DUTCH" AKERS appeared at the Oklahoma City Office at 10 A.M. and was put in touch with me by telephone at my residence. I made an engagement with him to meet him at the Bureau office at 12:30 P.M. The proper set-up was made by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD; a detectophone being placed in the consultation room and the Chief Clerk's room. (The instruments were tested and low conversations were picked up distinctly. AKERS appeared at the Oklahoma City Office promptly at 12:30 P.M.)

AKERS started off his conversation with Agent SMITH by stating that concerning his indictments he felt he could beat the KARPIS trial and indicated that I, of course, was familiar with all the facts. I told him I was not familiar with the investigation in the case in which he was involved; that I knew he was under indictment but I had been away from Arkansas and had had no occasion to familiarize myself with the details. AKERS stated they might be able to convict him in one of the cases but he felt he could beat the other and stated he had been to Tulsa, Oklahoma to see MR. HAYNES, the Post Office Inspector, feeling that MR. HAYNES might be able to appear as a witness in connection with the source of the tipping off of KARPIS; that they probably thought he, AKERS, did it, when, as a matter of fact, he had nothing to do with it.

He said, "You remember when they shot up the place down there (presumably the place where KARPIS was) I have often wondered when I asked you there in the hotel if you were out there and you stated you were not, whether you were dealing straight with me, I would just like to know". I told AKERS I was not present any time any place was shot up. He stated he had gotten in wrong with MR. HOOVER in that MR. HOOVER had sent him word through his Agents to lay off the boys, meaning KARPIS and that bunch, realizing he was endeavoring to cause their apprehension as they were still fugitives at that time; that he wrote a "dirty" response to this suggestion which may have had its effect on Mr. HOOVER. However, he later wrote MR. HOOVER and explained the matter; that he positively did not know anything about KARPIS being in Hot Springs and had nothing to do with harboring him. He said that the other case, concerning the bunch that robbed the Southern Club, one of them being NORRIS, who is now in the Texas State Penitentiary, he could not see how they could convict him in that case as they would have to subpoena NORRIS before the Court to prove the harboring. He said they are not even going to bring KARPIS to court and he couldn't see how they could prove harbor-

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ing against him unless they had the person there he, AKERS, was supposed to have harbored.

He mentioned GRACE, stating she was not going to "sink" the Chief of Police as she had been laying up with him for five years or more and that he, DUTCH, overheard her talking in her lawyer's office, where she was answering questions, and could plainly tell by her line of talk that she was going to protect the Chief. I asked this question: "Dutch, how do you think GRACE will protect the Chief and protect you", and his remark was that she would not hurt him, DUTCH; for the reason she had nothing on him as she is the one who, in his opinion, put the finger on KARPIS. He said, "I didn't think KARPIS was ever there and if I hadn't heard GRACE say it with her own mouth I wouldn't have believed it, but I know now when I stopped and talked to GRACE in her car that KARPIS and the other boy were in the car at that time but I didn't know it".

He then said, "What I want to find out is if you are going to be there as a witness. If you are you know how fairly I dealt with you when you were at Hot Springs". He said, "You recall we went down to a tourist camp on information I had to the effect there were some men there whom we suspected as being KARPIS and his bunch. Of course, I don't know what you did, you may have developed who they were but I never knew". He also asked if I recalled the Robertson place he pointed out to me but I said I did not recall him pointing out any such place but did recall going to the tourist camp with him. He wanted to know if there would be any objection to his having me subpoenaed to testify how I worked with him if I was not already subpoenaed. He stated he could have his attorney write me in the event I wasn't subpoenaed and ask me one question, which I inferred to be concerning his cooperation. I advised AKERS that I was under subpoena to be at Little Rock in this case and AKERS' remark was, "That's O.K. then, I know you will not hurt me", or words to that effect. I stated I would only testify to the truth.

AKERS went into considerable detail concerning a conversation with MR. CONNELLY, whom he thought came down there in response to his letter written to MR. CUMMINGS; that he talked with MR. CONNELLY very frankly for several hours and told MR. CONNELLY that he was not involved in the harboring of KARPIS, giving him all the information he had and did admit to MR. CONNELLY, however, that he knew these other fellows, and related a story of his, AKERS, going to Chicago in the interest of returning suspects to Hot Springs in connection with the robbery of the Southern Club. He stated MR. CONNELLY told him who robbed the Southern Club and named NORRIS, who is now in the State Penitentiary, and one "BLACKIE", whose name he did not recall. He stated to Agents that he knew these fellows; that they were in Hot Springs; that they propositioned him concerning the taking of an

Memo by S.A. F. S. SMITH, 10-2-38.

armored car and that he pointed these men out and subsequently furnished MR. CONNELLY information with respect to "BLACK E" being in custody in a jail in Kansas. He stated that as far as he was concerned he always felt I would be square with him and couldn't have anything personal against him and regardless of what might occur I could always come to him and get any information he had.

He stated he wanted to know if this man NORRIS, now serving fifty years in the State Penitentiary, had been subpoenaed by the Government. I told him I had no information in that respect. He then asked if there would be anything wrong in his going down to the penitentiary in Texas and talking to NORRIS; that first he would find out from the Warden if he was under subpoena and if not get permission to talk to him and have an Agent present to hear what he had to say to AKERS and his lawyer. I told AKERS that I could not advise him in that respect and further that I did not know whether this man was under subpoena or not. AKERS stated if NORRIS wasn't under subpoena that he wanted to get an Order to talk to him and then take a deposition and also have him subpoenaed as a witness.

I told AKERS that in my opinion while we were in conversation at Hot Springs he, AKERS, came very near opening up and divulging a lot of facts concerning KARPIS. AKERS said he didn't recall that for the reason that he did not know anything about his being harbored. I asked AKERS if he recalled when we were sitting in the back of a lobby of a hotel at Hot Springs, BROCK, immediately after AKERS arrived, came and peered over the stairway as if trying to observe AKERS in conversation with me. AKERS hesitated and finally smilingly made some remark which was not a direct answer.

He again made a remark about the possibility of being convicted and regardless of whether he was or not he would always be friendly toward me, but that he would under no circumstances deal with Agents of the Bureau generally, mentioning Agents CHIPMAN and DAWSON, stating he wouldn't tell them the way to the Arlington Hotel, and stated if he did beat the case he would be back on the police force in Hot Springs in 24 hours; that his purpose in getting back would be to get his retirement. AKERS repeatedly stated from the beginning of his talk that investigators for the Government left him with the impression in questioning him that it wasn't him, AKERS, or the little fellows the Government wanted but they did want the Mayor and some of the higher-ups and he stated frankly the Government really did want to get those fellows but he, AKERS, did not have evidence of Federal violations which would aid them.

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He stated he did furnish information concerning Income Tax Evasion and that he really believed they had it on the Mayor at this time; however, he didn't know; that he believed he could furnish enough information by which they could get the Mayor but not on Federal violations. He went on to state the only graft he got in Hot Springs was from "con" rackets and he only got a very small percentage of that, money which aggregated less than 2½%; that the rest was distributed among the higher-ups; that he got no cut from the slot machines which netted the higher-ups about \$800,000. a year. The "hand book racket" netted big money; that he tried to cut in on that but they wouldn't let him. He said the Governor, the two Judges - City and County, and the Mayor handled all the gambling rackets. It was all in the hands of the state at the present time; that no man could chisel in and open up any gambling in Hot Springs. He stated that there was some talk about him and Luciano; that he was the man that wired New York he was there and that Luciano never gave him any money except \$10. or \$20. at a time; that he was very liberal and every time he saw him he would give him a couple of twenties to buy a hat with or stake him to a ticket on the horses.

AKERS asked if I recalled a letter that was written out of Oklahoma City after the Nash case and asked if I wrote it; said he just wanted to know for his own information. I asked what letter he was referring to and he stated a letter with a finger pointing, telling him they would see him, which was unquestionably a threat. He stated he thought that after the Nash episode I was probably sore. I stated emphatically I had not sent such a letter and no Agent of the Bureau would be a party to such an act. He asked who the Agent in Charge was at Houston, Texas and was advised there was no Agent in Charge at Houston, but that MR. GUS JONES, at San Antonio, had jurisdiction over Houston, Texas. He stated he was going to Dallas this evening and asked what the distance was and how long it would take him to make the drive, indicating he was going to Houston and to the Sugar Land Farm where NORRIS was confined to ascertain if NORRIS was under subpoena and, if not, to question him in the presence of an Agent. He stated he might go through the Chief of Police in Houston, Texas, in the interest of getting authority to talk to NORRIS.

The question of the apprehension of NASH came up. AKERS, in explanation of his having telephoned ahead of the Agents to Benson and Little Rock, stated he told the officers to ascertain who had this man and if they claimed to be Federal Officers to take them to the Federal Building and see if they were telling the truth. He said the story might have been different if the officers had followed his suggestion; that this telephoning was to satisfy GALATAS and take

the heat off of himself; that GALATAS was at the police station immediately after the pick-up of NASH. I asked AKERS if he knew the two men who were standing by Nash's car, one leaning over the fender and the other standing beside it, and AKERS stated he did not know who they were. I asked him where the "hot shot" red car was which was used in protecting the boys at the time Nash was picked up and he stated this car was in a garage and he later sold it.

AKERS is a very peculiar type of criminal. He talks in parables and is hard to follow, talks incessantly, hardly ever finishes a sentence until he drifts into another. After hearing him talk for a period of time it is difficult to set up an intelligent analysis of his conversation and especially to set forth definitely his remarks. It was very evident from AKERS' approach that he was attempting to gain an impression of my attitude toward him and probably to ascertain if I would take the witness stand and testify favorably for him. He was closeted with Agent SMITH for approximately one hour. He mentioned having talked to Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER; in fact, stated that he had furnished him some information concerning Income Tax Evasion by the Mayor of Hot Springs. He was advised by me that MR. FLETCHER was in Oklahoma City and he expressed a desire to greet him. On leaving the conference he was taken to MR. FLETCHER'S office where he paid his respects to MR. FLETCHER and stated he was proceeding immediately to Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted:

FRANK S. SMITH,
SPECIAL AGENT.

FSS:cs

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

On October 2, 1938, the writer was advised that "DUTCH" AKERS of Hot Springs, Arkansas, had communicated with Agent SMITH and would shortly thereafter appear at the office for a conference with Agent SMITH. A microphone set-up with the use of the Detectaphone unit was placed and the writer and Mrs. Olive Sholders listened in on the conversation. While it was easy to understand Mr. SMITH'S part of the conversation most of the time AKERS mumbled in such a manner that his words could not be distinguished.

At the beginning of the conversation MR. AKERS mentioned that he had talked with MR. CONNELLY and MR. FLETCHER concerning a telegram; that he did not have a copy of the telegram but Agent was unable to ascertain by listening the contents of the same and he advised Agent SMITH that he talked to CONNELLY for some little time. He also mentioned that Agents, whose names could not be distinguished, had talked rather hard with him and as a result he wrote a letter to MR. CUMMINGS; that he thought MR. CONNELLY was talking to him concerning this letter.

He then asked Agent SMITH if he recalled writing a letter shortly after the NASH case, stating that same was from Oklahoma City, whereupon Agent SMITH expressed surprise at such a letter, denied he had any knowledge of the same, stating neither he nor any other Agent would write such a letter. It was impossible to understand AKERS when he was telling the contents of this letter.

AKERS then asked Agent SMITH if he recalled the instances when he, AKERS, had cooperated with Agent SMITH at Hot Springs, specifically mentioning a tourist camp and something with reference to one ROBERTSON. Agent SMITH advised him he did not recall such cooperation with reference to ROBERTSON but did recall his going to a tourist camp with AKERS.

AKERS said that he did not know if Agent SMITH was a witness at the coming trial, whereupon Agent SMITH advised him that he was. Other conversation was had at this point which could not be distinguished and then AKERS stated to SMITH he would like for his, AKERS', attorney to write SMITH a letter containing one question with reference to the cooperation of AKERS with SMITH with reference to the ROBERTSON matter.

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AKERS then stated he did not think he could be successfully prosecuted concerning the KARPIS harboring cases as KARPIS would not be present. He then stated he did not think KARPIS was in Hot Springs, Arkansas and denied he had ever assisted him. He then stated that he thought that GRACE, last name not given, put the finger on KARPIS and that if he had not heard GRACE say with her own mouth that KARPIS was in Hot Springs he would never have believed it. He then mentioned something about GRACE and an automobile, the gist of which conversation could not be understood.

AKERS then mentioned one NORRIS who is presently serving fifty years in the Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, and asked Agent SMITH if he knew whether or not NORRIS had been subpoenaed. He then asked Agent SMITH'S advice as to whether it would be proper for him to go to Huntsville to determine if NORRIS was under subpoena by contacting the Warden, stating that if he was not subpoenaed he would like to get an order to interrogate him and then have him subpoenaed for trial. He asked for information as to the name of the Special Agent in Charge in Houston, Texas, whereupon MR. SMITH advised MR. GUS JONES, Special Agent in Charge at San Antonio, Texas, was in charge of the district covering Houston.

He said with reference to instant case that he thought they had the Mayor where they wanted him and that he didn't know why they wanted to pin anything on him and, further, he didn't think it was fair because the indictment alleged specific acts on the part of all defendants except him and just charged him with harboring. AKERS repeatedly denied to Agent SMITH that he had harbored or assisted KARPIS in any manner.

He stated he was sure members of the Police Department would testify in his behalf during this trial and if he was not convicted he would be back on the Police Department within 24 hours. He stated further the present Chief of Police is straight; that he formerly was on the Fire Department and didn't know anything about police work.

He mentioned the Luciano matter and stated he was the person wiring the Chief of Police that Luciano was in Hot Springs and stated he had received only a ten or twenty on several occasions from Luciano. He denied he had ever received any big money from protection in Hot Springs, stating most everything there was controlled by the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Governor and the City Judge. He mentioned that the two Judges, City and County, at Hot Springs were "in" with the group.

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R. T. HOOD - 3

Most of his conversation was with reference to whether or not NORRIS was under subpoena and whether it would be advisable for him to go to Huntsville, Texas to see the warden in order to determine if NORRIS was willing to be subpoenaed. He asked for information concerning the prison system in Texas. Agent SMITH advised him he could not furnish him any information regarding their penal system.

At the close of the conversation AKERS expressed a desire to continue to cooperate with Agent SMITH and referred to their splendid cooperation in the past. Upon his departure he stated he was going to Dallas, Texas to take care of the NORRIS matter.

AKERS mentioned the Nash case, whereupon Agent SMITH inquired if he had determined the identity of the two men who were standing near the Nash car, whereupon AKERS stated he did not know them. He also mentioned he advised the officers to check and if not satisfied as to the identity of the persons in a car to take them to the Police Department or the Federal Building.

After the conference with AKERS Agent SMITH advised the writer that he noted "DUTCH" AKERS did not possess any teeth and that in speaking he did not move his lips and spoke in a monotone and undertone.

Respectfully submitted;

Ralph T. Hood
RALPH T. HOOD,
SPECIAL AGENT.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 17, 1938

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Contact of HERBERT
"DUTCH" AKERS with SA F.S.
SMITH at Oklahoma City,
10-2-38, re Akers defense of
harboring indictments and
allegations as to controversy
of Akers with you.

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I thought you would be interested to know that Herbert "Dutch" Akers, the former Chief of Detectives of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department who is presently under indictment in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Thomas Nathan Norris at Hot Springs, Arkansas, appeared at the Oklahoma City Office of the Bureau on October 2, 1938, at 10:00 A.M. and requested an interview with Special Agent Frank S. Smith. An interview was arranged between Akers and Agent Smith at about 12:30 P.M. and a proper set-up was made, a dictograph being placed in the consultation room and the Chief Clerk's room, in order to cover this interview.

Akers commenced the conversation with Agent Smith by stating that he was under indictment at Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis, as well as the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris. Akers related that he was innocent in connection with the harboring of Karpis, but he believed that he would be convicted in connection with the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris. Akers was desirous of knowing from Agent Smith if there would be any objection to his having Agent Smith subpoenaed to testify how he, Akers, had worked with him, Agent Smith, if he was not already under subpoena. Agent Smith advised Akers that he was under subpoena to be at Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with this case and Akers remarked "that's okeh then I know you will not hurt me," or words to that effect. Agent Smith stated to Akers that he would only testify to the truth. During the course of the conversation Akers related that "he had gotten in wrong with Mr. Hoover in that Mr. Hoover had sent him word through his Agents to lay off the boys, meaning Karpis and that bunch, realizing he was endeavoring to cause their apprehension as they were still fugitives at that time; that he wrote a 'dirty' response to this suggestion which may have had its effect on Mr. Hoover. However, he (Akers) later wrote Mr. Hoover and explained the matter; that he positively did not know anything about Karpis being in Hot Springs and had nothing to do with harboring him."

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make certain Connolly gets full facts on this so that if Akers pulls this lie in Court it can be spiked
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In regard to these allegations of "Dutch" Akers, the Bureau file reflects that the Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated May 7, 1936, from the Little Rock office reflecting the results of a conversation between Special Agent in Charge Fletcher and Joe Wakelin and Herbert "Dutch" Akers. This conversation was held as a result of a telegram which Akers had sent to Special Agent Frank Smith of the Oklahoma City office, in which Akers advised he had learned the location of a lock box of certain parties in whom the Bureau was interested. During this conversation, Fletcher learned that the lock box was located in the Arkansas National Bank, and that Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris had been seen on numerous occasions going into said bank. Fletcher informed Akers that this information was already in the possession of this Bureau and no action was being taken by the Little Rock Office in the absence of Bureau instructions; and that in view of the fact that the Director had given no instructions to pick up anyone in connection with this case, Fletcher advised Akers he wanted it made perfectly clear to Akers that he, Akers, should not pick up Grace Goldstein or Connie Morris or any other person with the view he was aiding the Bureau in any manner. Akers then in boisterous tones asked Fletcher whether it was not the purpose of the Bureau to arrest Grace Goldstein; whereupon Fletcher informed him he did not know what the Director's wishes were in the matter. Akers then replied he felt if we did not pick up Grace Goldstein we might as well release Karpis. Fletcher then said to Akers, in the presence of Joe Wakelin and others, the Director would not tolerate his picking up Grace Goldstein or Connie Morris for this Bureau, in that Fletcher felt the Director was perfectly capable of picking up these parties if he cared to do so without any help from him or anyone else, which was done in the case of Alvin Karpis. Akers then in a most vulgar and obscene manner informed Fletcher that he would pick up anyone he liked and in effect said the Director would have nothing to do with whom he picked up. His exact language was so obscene that Fletcher was unable to relate it in his communication. Akers seemed inclined to carry on this argument but was informed by Fletcher that it was not his purpose to engage in any argument and that the only action he, Fletcher, intended to take was to communicate with the Director and inform him of the exact language used by Akers. At this point, Akers indicated to Fletcher that in the future he would not cooperate with this Bureau; at which time, Fletcher informed Akers that if his cooperation in the future was no better than it had been in the past, the Bureau's loss would possibly not be very great. Before leaving Hot Springs, Special Agent in Charge Fletcher called upon Leo P. McLaughlin, mayor of Hot Springs, and advised him

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of the attitude of "Dutch" Akers. McLaughlin stated that undoubtedly Akers lost his temper, being angry over the thought that Grace Goldstein could have furnished him information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Hunter and failed to do so, thus making Akers lose his chance of collecting the reward in this case.

Upon Fletcher's return to the Little Rock Office, he was advised by his chief clerk that Akers had attempted to reach him by long distance telephone. Fletcher then called Akers on the telephone at which time Akers informed Fletcher he was truly sorry for what had occurred and the only excuse he had to offer was that he had just read the Tulsa newspaper article which placed the blame on the Hot Springs Police Department for the escape of Karpis and Hunter at the time of the raid on the Woodcock house. He requested Fletcher to refrain from informing the Director of the message he had sent to the Director and to let the matter drop. He informed Fletcher that it was always his purpose to cooperate with this Bureau and its Agents and that he has always done so; he did not want Fletcher to feel that he had any personal feeling against Fletcher whatsoever; that he only wished to be afforded the opportunity of continuing his contacts with Agents of the Bureau and Fletcher, personally, and that he would show the Agents that he was sincere in his regrets. Akers informed Fletcher that he was at that time preparing a letter to the Director offering his apology and that he would send the letter over to Fletcher in order that Fletcher might have information as to its contents before it was mailed. You will recall the receipt of this letter, it having been mailed under obscene cover because of its contents. However, the original of this letter is being attached hereto in an envelope marked obscene, for your information. Fletcher likewise transmitted to the Bureau the original of a letter which Akers had directed to him, which is dated May 6, 1936, and is quoted herewith as follows:

"Police Department
Joe Wakelin
Chief of Police

Agent Fletcher
Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Fletcher:

I am truly sorry of the occurrence between you and

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myself today and you will note from the enclosed letter to Mr. Hoover that I am explaining the facts as best I recall them and if I am in error ask that you write the true facts that Mr. Hoover may be fully informed. I want to assure you there is nothing personal in this matter either between you, Mr. Damron, Mr. Hoover or any of the Agents and I trust that it will be overlooked this time and I be given opportunity to prove my friendship.

Cordially yours,

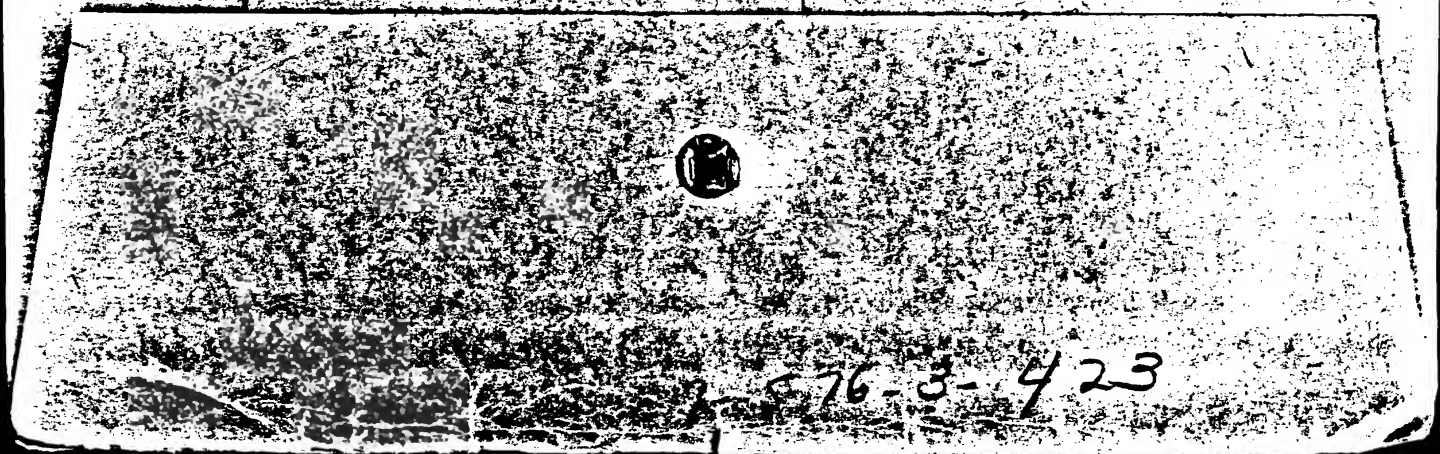
(s) Herbert Akers"

"P.S. Will you please mail enclosed letter in to Mr. Hoover after you have noted contents."

It appears that "Dutch" Akers was endeavoring to establish a defense in connection with the indictments pending against him at Little Rock in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Thomas Nathan Norris, inasmuch as he indicated to Agent Smith he contacted Post Office Inspector Haynes at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was endeavoring to interview Thomas Nathan Norris, who you will recall is presently incarcerated at the Sugarland Farm, near Houston, Texas, the Texas State Penitentiary, on a 99 year sentence for murder, two 99 year sentences for armed robbery and a sentence of 5 to 40 years for armed robbery.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Arkansas

POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOE WAKELIN
CHIEF OF POLICE

PHONE 123

May 6, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Supt, Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Today I had an argument with agent Fletcher of which I am truly sorry and I wish to explain in detail, trusting that you will forgive me of the remark I made.

Agent Fletcher and Dameron had come to the jail in answer to a wire I had sent to Agent Smith in Oklahoma City today regarding a lock box here that might hold some evidence and I explained to agent Fletcher about the box and to whom I thought it belonged and he then informed me that your office did not want me to pick up Grace or Connie or anyone else in the Karpis case and before he had time to finish I flew off the handle and replied "Tell your boss to go fuck himself".

Now I am truly sorry of that remark because it made Mr. Fletcher hot and I can't blame him, for I had spoken before he had time to tell me that I was not to bother anyone in the Karpis case for the Department, as they would work everything out in time.

Now, Mr. Hoover, I realize that you know much more of my past cooperation with your Department than any of your agents and I believe if you will look at this uncalled for flare up by me in the right light that you will forgive me.

I have worked very hard on this angle of the Karpis case as you well know from agent Frank Smith and I well know that there has been lots of funny moves by local people that I firmly believe kept me from taking Karpis right in this City, so naturally I do not feel in a very good frame of mind.

Mr. Fletcher also informed me that there would not be a reward paid on Karpis as the information did not come from this City. Well, sir, my object in writing you last week was due to the fact that I notified the Little Rock office last October when these boys had the cabin on Lake Hamilton and too of my work in the case more recently.

Now, sir, I take this method of begging your and Mr. Fletcher's pardon for all I said and only trust that I may continue on good terms with your Department that I have maintained in the past.

Cordially,

Herbert Akers

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/25 1938.

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☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Clegg
☐ Mr. Foxworth
☐ Mr. Glavin
☐ Mr. Nichols
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October 25, 1938

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum addressed to me under date of October 17, 1938, by Assistant Director E. A. Tamm, setting forth information relative to the interview of "Dutch" Akers with Special Agent Frank S. Smith at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 2, 1938.

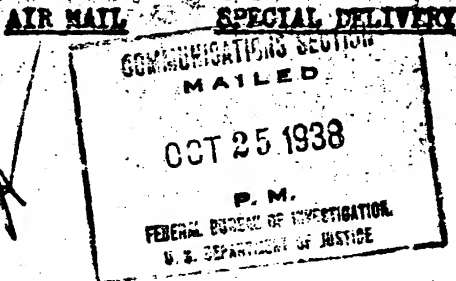
Information relative to this interview is set forth in the Oklahoma City letter dated October 3, 1938, addressed to me, a copy of which was indicated for the Little Rock office.

I want to make certain that you are fully advised as to the facts disclosed in connection with this phase of the case, so that in the event Herbert "Dutch" Akers, one of the defendants in this case, offers such a defense as is indicated you will be in a position to disprove it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



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Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 7:30 P. M.

SAC Fletcher called from Oklahoma City and stated that this afternoon Gus Akers, from Hot Springs, appeared at that office and talked to Agent Frank Smith. He said that he was interested in knowing whether or not Norris, at the Huntsville Penitentiary, had been subpoenaed in the case at Hot Springs. Agent Smith told Akers that he didn't know. Akers then said that he had seen Mr. Haines, the Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of getting him to appear as a witness and testify as to the source of the tipping-off concerning the whereabouts of Karpis. He apparently did not get any satisfaction along this line, as Haines doesn't have this information.

Akers then stated that he plans to fight this case and try to get convictions. He plans to go from Oklahoma City to Dallas, and from there apparently to Houston, where he will contact the Penitentiary for the purpose of seeing whether Norris has been subpoenaed. He also plans to talk to Norris, and from his conversation it appears that he plans to have an Agent of the Bureau with him in order that we won't have any comeback. Mr. Fletcher said he doesn't know which offices Akers plans to contact, but he told Akers that Gus Jones at San Antonio covers the Houston area. I instructed Mr. Fletcher to call Mr. Jones and Mr. Conroy and advise them that Akers will probably go to their offices, and, should he do so, they should exercise the utmost caution in dealing with him, and should not go out to conduct any interviews with him. I suggested that Mr. Fletcher also call Anderson at Little Rock and tell him to let the United States Attorney know what Akers is doing.

Mr. Fletcher went on to state that Akers, in talking to Mr. Smith, asked him if he had been subpoenaed, although it was quite obvious that he knew that Smith had been subpoenaed. Akers said that witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear at Little Rock on October 17. It was apparent that he was trying to find out what Mr. Smith's attitude was, and he recalled to Mr. Smith's attention several pieces of cooperation which he claims he gave the Agents. He apparently expects Smith, when on the witness stand, to admit that Akers did cooperate in certain matters. Mr. Fletcher said that Akers actions seem to show that he going around to see who is subpoenaed, and to find out approximately what they will say.

Complete memoranda on Akers' conversations with Smith and Hood will be submitted by air mail tomorrow evening. Detectaphones were set up to get the conversations but they were not entirely satisfactory, due to the fact that Akers is without teeth and also because he talks rapidly and almost unintelligibly.

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Respectfully,

E. J. Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

September 23, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter this date from **HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS**, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Smith.

"I want to come see you next week and will appreciate a note from you telling just how I can locate you."

Cordially

/s/ Herbert Akers
P. O. Box 195

AKERS you will recall functioned with me in bringing about the apprehension of **FRANK NASH** and has always pretended to have confidence in me. I assume his purpose in wanting to confer with me is in connection with the case in which he is involved.

This individual unquestionably has a vast accumulation of information which may be of material interest to the Bureau. I realize he is a dangerous character and not being familiar with the investigation in which he is involved, I am, therefore, submitting this matter to you for your suggestions and instructions in handling the situation. You will note he expressed a desire to see me next week and requested a reply as to where he could locate me.

I will appreciate a reply so that I can arrange to meet him as he suggests if you desire it.

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September 29, 1938

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Mr. Frank S. Smith
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smith:

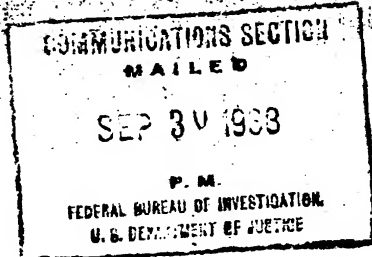
Upon receipt of your letter of September 23, 1938 advising of the request received by you by mail from Herbert Akers of Hot Springs, Arkansas for an interview with you, the Bureau contacted the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office and outlined to him the desired procedure to be followed by you in this situation.

It is felt that the Bureau's wishes in this matter have now been transmitted to you.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

CC, SAC, Oklahoma City



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October 5, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L.B. NICHOLS

Re: Brekid

The United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, has requested the presence of Special Agent B. M. SUTTLE at his office at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938, as a witness in connection with the trial of the harboring of Alvin Karpis by certain individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

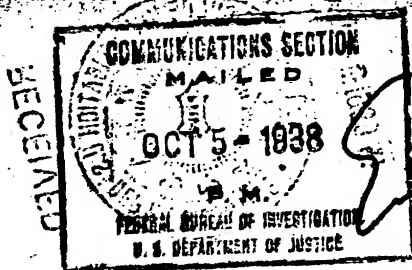
It is the Bureau's desire that you instruct Agent Suttler to make immediate arrangements to comply with the wishes of the United States Attorney and be present at his office at Little Rock, Arkansas, at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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H. E. ANDERSEN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
500 RECTOR BUILDING
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 3, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AGENTS OF LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE:

RE: INVESTIGATION OF JURY PANEL.

The United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, has furnished a list of the Jury Panel for the trial of the various persons for harboring ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This list contains sixty names of individuals living in the Little Rock Division of the Eastern District of Arkansas.

The purpose of the investigation is to ascertain whether each man and woman is of good citizenship, and is one who can render a fair and impartial investigation. Mr. ISGRIG, United States Attorney, has suggested that when investigating the women on the Jury Panel the name of their husbands and the occupation of the husbands be learned. He desires also to learn in the case of every person on the panel whether that person has brought a damage suit in any County, and if so, he desires to know the name of the damage suit lawyer. He stated that general inquiry in the home town of each person would show this, and that it would be unnecessary to check the Circuit Clerk's records in every County where these people lived.

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[REDACTED] of the fifty-one men on the list. Inquiry of Agents in the homes of the sixty persons, including the nine women, can be general as to their financial standing.

Persons to be interviewed should be selected with great care as it is desired that it not be known that the Government is making an investigation concerning these individuals.

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H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER LITTLE ROCK SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN AND REQUEST
USA AGENTS SULLIVAN, MADALA AND MYSELF CONFER WITH HIM LITTLE ROCK
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October 5, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. K. R. McINTIRE

Re: Brekid

It is the desire of the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, that you be present at his office at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938, in connection with the trial of the harboring by certain individuals of Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A copy of the subpoena transmitted with the letter dated September 28, 1938, from the Little Rock Office is attached hereto.

You are instructed to make immediate arrangements to comply with the wishes of the United States Attorney, in order that you may be at his office at 10:00 A.M. on October 17, 1938.

Very truly yours,

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E. A. Tamm

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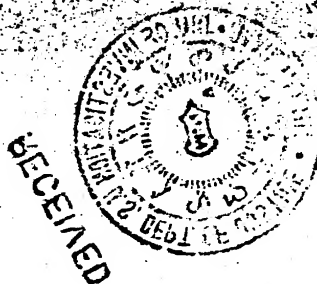
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 5, 1938

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Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm

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No. _____
United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPOENA
vs.
THE UNITED STATES

U. S. Attorney

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

Received this writ at _____ on _____
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By _____

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District Court of the United States of America

Eastern District of Arkansas

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

✓ To K. R. McIntire, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Little Rock, Ark
E. J. Wynn, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Little Rock, Ark.
Chapman Fletcher, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Little Rock, Ark.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all and singular your business and excuses you be and appear in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern Dist. of Ark. at the Courthouse, in the city of Little Rock, in said district, on the 17 day of October A. D. 19 38, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or of the District Attorney.

Hereof fail not, under penalty of whatever may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable Thomas C. Trimble

Judge
of said District Court of the United States, this 28 day of
Sept., A. D. 19 38, and in the 163rd year
of the Independence of the United States of America.

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ONE SELF. OLD

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 5, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated September 28, 1938, which pertains to the service of subpoena on JOHN BROCK.

There is being returned herewith the original subpoena with proper return, service having been made by Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Reference is also made to my telephone conversation with you of October 4, 1938, advising this witness is without funds to make the trip to Little Rock, and suggesting arrangements be made whereby through the United States Attorney and United States Marshal at Little Rock, Arkansas proper arrangements will be made so that the necessary funds will be made available to JOHN BROCK through the United States Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 10/5/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/22/38	REPORT MADE BY HAYNE A. THOMPSON DTR
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIE WILLIAMS, Hot Springs, Arkansas in letter dated September 6, 1938 advised that subject KARPIS and various police officials at Hot Springs had been seen eating together in a cafe at Hot Springs. Investigation at Hot Springs failed to reveal definite substantiating evidence; however, additional investigation to be conducted. WILLIAMS still endeavoring to ascertain location of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. WHITELY, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 8/8/38.</p> <p>DETAILS: This report is a joint report of Special Agents L. R. WEBER and HAYNE A. THOMPSON.</p> <p>On September 6, 1938, the Little Rock Office received the following letter from WILLIE WILLIAMS of Hot Springs, Arkansas:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Dear Friend -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I feel it is my duty to give you people all the information I can. This may not be very much, or it might be. KENETH DAVIS told me he seen ARCHIE COOPER and other former police and ALVIN KARPIS taking lunch in a cafe in Hot Springs together, at the same table. KENETH DAVIS is a former merchant policeman of Hot Springs. ALBERT CROWDER, working at the Firestone Service Station says he pulled the car that ALVIN and GRACE</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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" left Hot Springs in the morning the house was raided where they was staying. This was the same morning. He said he pulled the car about a half block and ALVIN gave him \$5.00. He said it was very cold that morning was the reason the car would not start. He said he did not know at that time it was ALVIN and GRACE. I didn't ask DAVIS any more about the boys taking lunch together. I thought if it was worth anything you people could talk to him and find out more than I could. You might find DAVIS about the Rainbow Cafe, just across the street from the Como Hotel. "

At Hot Springs, Arkansas -

On September 22, 1938, Special Agent L. R. WERER and reporting Agent proceeded to Hot Springs on this and other investigative matters, at which time WILLIE WILLIAMS was located at his residence, 112 Kirk Street.

WILLIAMS stated that he personally did not know subject KARPIS but that he had a friend by the name of KENNETH DAVIS who was a former merchant policeman in the city of Hot Springs, who had recently informed him that ALVIN KARPIS and various police officials in the city of Hot Springs, particularly one ARCHIE COOPER, had been observed in the Tri-State Cafe, having dinner together on several occasions.

With the assistance of WILLIE WILLIAMS, KENNETH DAVIS was located in a theater opposite the Como Hotel. Upon interview, DAVIS stated that he is a former merchant policeman, having worked as such for a period of approximately seven months; that this occupation terminated approximately one and one half years ago. DAVIS stated that his real home is in Morgan City, Louisiana; that when not in Hot Springs he can be located through General Delivery at either Morgan City or Burwick, Louisiana; that while at Hot Springs, he stopped at the Garland Hotel, Room #10. WILLIAMS stated that off and on for the past nine years, he had been working for BERT HALL who operates a beer garden and has a number of nickel music machines; that he was working for BERT HALL during the time subject KARPIS was in Hot Springs, Arkansas; he stated that he personally does not know KARPIS, nor to the best of his knowledge did he ever see him at any time; that he is acquainted with one HARRY BARNES, whose father formerly operated the Tri-State Cafe, which is located in back of the Tri-State Bus Station, with the main entrance on Central Avenue. DAVIS stated that he had been very close to HARRY BARNES who had informed him that subject KARPIS frequently ate in the Tri-State Cafe, during which time he also sat near the large refrigerator which is in this cafe. DAVIS stated, that although it was general

talk in the city of Hot Springs, that various police officers had eaten dinner with KARPIS in the Tri-State Cafe, he, himself, had never seen this nor had HARRY BARNES ever told him that KARPIS and any of the former city police officers had dinner together in the Tri-State Cafe. DAVIS stated that the general talk in Hot Springs pertained to various police officers, and the only one he could recall as being mentioned, who was supposed to be close to KARPIS, was ARCHIE COOPER. DAVIS stated that this cafe is no longer operated by the BARNES' family; that HARRY BARNES' father was presently in the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, and that HARRY BARNES had recently married, and that his present occupation and home address are unknown to DAVIS; however, that he would endeavor to locate BARNES and would supply the Little Rock Field Office with BARNES' address as soon as he had obtained same. A franked envelope was left with DAVIS for this purpose.

WILLIE WILLIAMS stated that DAVIS "crawfished" on him; that DAVIS had definitely stated that ARCHIE COOPER and other police officers had eaten dinner with KARPIS in the Tri-State Cafe. WILLIAMS stated that apparently DAVIS was afraid that he might become implicated in this case.

Regarding the filling station man who had helped KARPIS start his automobile as mentioned in WILLIAMS' letter to the Little Rock Office, WILLIE WILLIAMS stated that this individual was named ALBERT CROWDER and lived at 114 Kirk Street, the third house from Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is next door to WILLIAMS' home; that CROWDER had informed him that on the morning that KARPIS' hideout was raided, the Firestone Service Station where CROWDER is employed as a mechanic received a call to start a stalled automobile; that CROWDER had been sent out to this car, and had helped a man and a woman start their automobile; that at the time he did not know the identity of the man and woman in the car; however, upon viewing photographs of KARPIS and GRACE GOLDSTEIN in newspapers, subsequently, at the time of KARPIS' arrest, he was of the opinion that the man and woman in this car were none other than KARPIS and GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

There appears to be nothing to be gained by an interview with ALBERT CROWDER; consequently, no further investigation is being conducted in this regard.

WILLIE WILLIAMS stated that he had been unable to ascertain the exact location of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH. However, he did ascertain that HINKEL was no longer supposed to be in El Paso, Texas. However, he would continue his investigation and as soon as

he obtains definite information as to HINKEL'S address he will advise the Little Rock Field Office. A franked envelope was left with him for this purpose. As to LOUIS LYNCH, he was of the opinion that LYNCH was located in Mountain Pine, Arkansas; that he does not know if LYNCH is working at this time; however, he should be easily enough located, inasmuch as he has a wife and some children, one son being in a C.C.C. Camp; that when he last heard from LYNCH, he was going to try to get work on the new Arkansas Power & Light Company dam which was to be erected across from Dierks Lumber Mill. WILLIAMS stated that if he obtained definite information as to LYNCH'S address, that he would promptly notify the Little Rock Field Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

* At Little Rock, Arkansas will follow and report
prosecutive action in this case.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas will again contact WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirk Street in an effort to ascertain the address of LOUIS HINKEL, in order that he may be interviewed for any information which he may have in connection with instant case as mentioned in reference report.

At Mountain Pine, Arkansas will endeavor to locate LOUIS LYNCH and interview him for any information he may have relative to instant case as indicated in reference report.

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BREKID. LEAVE SEATTLE TEN FIFTEEN PM TODAY THURSDAY GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TRAIN TWO EMPIRE BUILDER, LOWER FIVE CAR G TWO. ARRIVE SHELBY MONTANA EIGHT FIFTY PM FRIDAY AND LEAVE SHELBY EIGHT FIFTY PM GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TRAIN FORTY TWO. ARRIVE BILLINGS MONTANA SIX FIFTY AM SATURDAY. LEAVE BILLINGS SEVEN AM SATURDAY VIA CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY TRAIN FORTY TWO. ARRIVE OMAHA NEBRASKA SUNDAY SEVEN FIFTY AM. SHELBY TO OMAHA IN LOWER FIVE CAR G TWO FOUR. LEAVE OMAHA NINE AM SUNDAY CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY TRAIN TWENTY PIONEER ZEPHYR CHAIR CAR. ARRIVE KANSAS CITY TWELVE FIFTY FIVE PM. LEAVE KANSAS CITY SAME TRAIN CHAIR CAR FOUR FIFTEEN PM. ARRIVE ST LOUIS MISSOURI NINE THIRTY PM. LEAVE ST LOUIS TEN FIFTY PM SUNDAY VIA MISSOURI PACIFIC PULLMAN. ARRIVE LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS SEVEN FIFTY FIVE AM MONDAY OCTOBER TENTH. WILL REGISTER MCGEEHIE HOTEL

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Chief of Detectives WILLIAM REED and Detective JOHN ALBAUGH of the Youngstown, Ohio Police Department, have received subpoenas to appear in Federal Court at Little Rock, Arkansas on October 17, 1938 in connection with a case against former Chief of Detectives AKERS of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and both of these officers will proceed to Little Rock by automobile.

Both of the above-mentioned officers have been extremely cooperative with this office and with the resident agents stationed at Youngstown, and it is suggested that the agents from your office who are in attendance at this term of court look up Chief REED and Detective ALBAUGH and make them feel at home while in Little Rock for the trial.

Special Agent W. A. Collier who is presently resident agent at Youngstown has furnished Chief REED with your name and requested REED to convey his regards to you in the event he meets you.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OCTOBER 10 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: **LITTLE ROCK**

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Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On October 10, 1938, MRS. PHILIP DAVID called at the Washington Field Division at which time she exhibited a subpoena calling for her appearance in Federal Court at Little Rock on October 17, 1938. She stated that she was without the necessary funds and that it would be impossible for her to return to Little Rock to testify in the above case without having an advancement of rail transportation.

In view of this fact you were telegraphically requested to secure authority from the United States Attorney for the United States Marshal in Washington to advance the necessary funds. To date, no information has been received advising that this has been done.

MRS. PHILIP DAVID stated that she would like to depart from Washington on Thursday, October 13, 1938, if possible.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock, Arkansas,
October 10, 1938.

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Mr. Sid B. Redding,
Clerk of United States District Court,
Federal Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting to you herewith
subpoena served on JOHN BROCK at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on
October 4, 1938, calling for his presence in Federal
Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, at 10:00 A.M. October 17,
1938.

You will note that the subpoena was served
by Mr. L. E. KINGMAN, Special Agent of this Bureau, who
is located at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Little Rock, Arkansas

October 10, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: J. L. MADALA,
Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent MADALA arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas, 7:50 A. M., October 10, 1938, as a witness in the BREKID Case.

Agent MADALA is stopping at the McGEHEE Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, telephone number, 5141.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent In Charge.

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Mr. Pennington	✓
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas

October 10, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: D. P. SULLIVAN,
Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is advised that
Agent SULLIVAN arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas,
3:30 A. M., October 10, 1938, under subpoena,
in the BREKID Case.

Agent SULLIVAN is stopping
at the Freiderica Hotel, telephone number, 9264.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent In Charge.

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BREKID DELLA MAE PARKER, GRETA OILSTRAP AND GERTRUDE NICHOLS PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND WILL APPEAR LITTLE ROCK NINE THIRTY AM SATURDAY.

J E CLEGG

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas,
October 12, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: JURY PANEL, October 17, 1938,
Term of Court, Little Rock,
Arkansas; QUALIFICATIONS OF
JURORS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN, Little Rock, Arkansas,
dated October 12, 1938.

For the information of the Bureau, the
investigations in this case were conducted by the following
Agents:

Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER conducted
investigations concerning J. C. BURTON, Casa, Arkansas;
G. W. CHURCHILL, Hector, Arkansas; MIKE EHEMANN, Atkins,
Arkansas; HUGO FAISST, Bigelow, Arkansas; B. J. LAW,
Plainview, Arkansas; P. A. DOLLAR, Morrilton, Arkansas; and
C. A. EZELL, Thornburg, Arkansas.

Special Agent L. R. WEBER conducted
investigations concerning J. B. BARRETT, Stuttgart, Arkansas;
J. W. SHACKELFORD, DeWitt, Arkansas; GEORGE H. ADAMS, Pine
Bluff, Arkansas; SAM H. COOK, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; P. C.
McCLENDON, Gould, Arkansas; MRS. G. H. BIBB, Gould, Arkansas;
C. R. HARRIS, Glendale, Arkansas; HOUSTON SWAIM, England,
Arkansas; and SETH HASTINGS, Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Special Agent HAYNE A. THOMPSON conducted
investigations concerning Mrs. F. W. McCLEERKIN, Little Rock,
Arkansas; JOHN BARNES, Norman, Arkansas; Mrs. ED O'BRIEN,

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Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. R. W. POLK, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. M. A. HALLY, Little Rock, Arkansas; E. M. RIGGS, Hot Springs, Arkansas; ED B. MOONEY, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Mrs. J. W. HATLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas; L. D. LASLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. BAKER, North Little Rock, Arkansas; L. L. WEST, Sims, Arkansas; Mrs. W. M. MATTHEWS, Little Rock, Arkansas; L. O. RED, Little Rock, Arkansas; HENRY A. KENDRICK, Little Rock, Arkansas; H. G. PUGH, Little Rock, Arkansas; ALBERT J. DEMERS, JR., Little Rock, Arkansas; J. R. GROBMYER, Little Rock, Arkansas; WALTER HUGHES, Benton, Arkansas; Mrs. KATHERINE DAVIS, Little Rock, Arkansas; G. W. HAYMAN, Little Rock, Arkansas; and J. C. THORNTON, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Special Agent RALPH V. HARMAN conducted investigations concerning JAMES A. NEAVILLE, SR., Griffithville, Arkansas; T. A. STEELY, Lonoke, Arkansas; A. F. HORNE, Des Arc, Arkansas; L. R. BROWN, Des Arc, Arkansas; OTIS LATTURE, Beebe, Arkansas; and RALPH GRAHAM, Jacksonville, Arkansas.

Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN conducted investigations concerning SELMA BOYD, Bee Branch, Arkansas; JULIUS DANIELS, Demott, Arkansas; E. T. ATWOOD, New Edinburg, Arkansas; C. F. STURGIS, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; J. D. WILCOXON, Eudora, Arkansas; A. C. DRAKE, Fordyce, Arkansas; W. E. FINLEY, Fordyce, Arkansas; EARL BAXTER, Monticello, Arkansas; G. D. DAVENPORT, Clinton, Arkansas; HORACE CABE, Gurdon, Arkansas; GUS PAUL, Malvern, Arkansas; R. E. COCHRAN, Conway, Arkansas; CARL WILKERSON, Sheridan, Arkansas; ODUS SMITH, Clinton, Arkansas; WALTER PECKHAM, Woolum, Arkansas; GEORGE E. OWEN, JR., Conway, Arkansas; and Mrs. CHARLES A. MILLER, JR., Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge. *JRB*

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telegram to the Little Rock Division October 12, 1938 this is to advise that Special Agent A. E. LEONARD contacted LELLA MAY PARKER at the Monroe Hotel and GERTIE NICHOLS at 321 Monroe. It was ascertained that GRETA GILSTRAP no longer resides at 277 1/2 Madison but was contacted at her new address, Hotel Central, 162 1/2 South Second Street, in Memphis. All three of these persons advised that they would be at the office of the United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 9:30 A.M., Saturday morning, October 15, 1938 in accordance with telephone conversation had between Special Agent MEDALLA and Special Agent A. E. LEONARD.

For your further information GRETA GILSTRAP advised that a little over a week ago she was contacted in Memphis by GRACE GOLDSTEIN who was with an unidentified boy friend, both being intoxicated, and that GRACE GOLDSTEIN advised GRETA GILSTRAP that she would probably be contacted by the attorney of GRACE GOLDSTEIN. According to GRETA GILSTRAP, GRACE GOLDSTEIN also asked her if she did not wish to change her original statement and GRETA GILSTRAP claims that she had very little to do with GRACE GOLDSTEIN and told her she would refuse to see her attorney. There being no further leads, this case is being considered RUC.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. CLEGG

Special Agent in Charge.

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